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Christmas Shopping Should Now Begin in Earnest



Experience, the best of all teachers, emphasizes the fact that Gift Shopping is best done early. Every activity in the store these days is directed toward a very busy Christmas season. No store has greater ability and more generous spirit in providing for the needs of the gift season than SCHMITT & STEINHARDT'S. No store that can give greater helpfulness in breadth of selection in the highest grades of quality than SCHMITT & STEINHARDT'S—for any Schmitt & Steinhardt-bought gift is a gift worth giving. Just now the store is filled up with the choicest and most practical gift things. First choice among this splendid merchandise is worth having. Suppose you start right away?

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Many Useful, Practical and Ornamental Christmas Gifts can be Selected
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Christmas Gifts can be Selected
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HAVE FIRST PICK, WHICH
IS ALWAYS THE CHOICEST

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For Men:

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OVERCOATS
TROUSERS
FANCY VESTS
FOOTWEAR
HOSIERY
HATS
CAPS
SHIRTS
NECKWEAR
SUSPENDERS

GIFTS !

For Boys:

SUITS
OVERCOATS
TROUSERS
SWEATERS
FOOTWEAR
HOSIERY
HATS
CAPS
SHIRTS
NECKWEAR
GLOVES

GIFTS !

For Ladies:

SUITS, COATS
WAISTS
SKIRTS
FURS, GLOVES
SWEATERS
HOSIERY
FOOTWEAR
AVIATION CAPS
HANDKERCHIEFS
HAND BAGS
NECKWEAR

GIFTS !

For Children:

COATS
DRESSES
SWEATERS
FOOTWEAR
HOSIERY
HANDKERCHIEFS
NECKLACES
GLOVES
NECKWEAR
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GIFTS !

For the Home:

CENTER TABLES
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BRASS BEDS
KITCHEN CABINETS
ROCKERS
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LINOLEUMS
CURTAINS
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LAMPS, CLOCKS

GIFTS !

For the Home:

"BUCK'S"
COOK STOVES
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GLASS WARE
CROCKERY
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KNIVES and FORKS
DINNER SETS

Good Things for the Table Just Received

Heinz Sour Spiced Pickles Heinz Tomato Ketchup
Heinz Sour Mixed Pickles Heinz Sweet Gherkins
Heinz Mince Meat Heinz Queen Olives
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Heinz Prepared Mustard Heinz Chili Sauce
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8277—\$12.00 Ladies' Dresses, specially priced \$8.97
6178—12.50 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 9.38
5258—7.50 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 5.62
8235—16.50 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 12.38
8232—15.00 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 11.23
5265—19.50 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 14.62
8974—20.00 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 14.99
5253—24.75 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 18.56
5947—27.50 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 20.63
8272—17.50 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 13.13
8806—17.50 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 13.13
5264—19.50 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 14.62
6179—22.50 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 16.87
8818—27.50 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 20.63
8274—20.00 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 14.99
8236—17.50 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 13.13
6176—18.50 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 13.87
5266—19.50 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 14.62
5257—22.50 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 16.87
8973—27.50 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 20.63
8232—15.00 Ladies' Suit, specially priced 11.23

Our Women's Ready-to-Wear section is
a veritable education not only in the cur-
rent styles, but as well as in the art of
"How to Dress Well with Economy." The
fashions shown are authentic—the mater-
ials the most acceptable—the values the
best. Dresses, Suits, Skirts, Waists, Coats,
and Furs, all specially priced. 12½c per
cent off of regular prices.

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An Avalanche of Ready-to-Wear Garments for Christmas Present Making

Useful gifts that would be appreciated by Father, Mother, Sister, Brother, Husband, Wife, Sweetheart

Never got together such a selection of durable, wearable, stylish and desirable clothing as we have
this year. Most of it was made by A. B. Kirschbaum & Co., of Philadelphia, in the largest and best
equipped tailoring establishment in the world. Come in and try on a Suit or Overcoat. Step up to the
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Kirschbaum Suits and Overcoats Prices are from \$15.00 to \$25.00.
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Correct and individual style, high grade material, superior workmanship and moderate prices charac-
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Children, now displayed in our establishment. Save by buying now—all garments reduced 12½ PER
CENT OFF REGULAR PRICES.

FURS—A SAVING—BUY NOW
Handsome reliable furs are always in style and demand a place in every woman's wardrobe. Our way
of dealing gives assurance to the fur purchaser of dependable quality and lowness of price in every tran-
saction. All Furs now offered at 12½ PER CENT DISCOUNT.

Bedding—Buy now and save! Our entire stock of BLANKETS and
Comforts at 10 per cent off of our conspicuously reasonable
marked prices. Prices range from 50c to \$15, Less Ten Per Cent.

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GROCERIES FOR CASH

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FINE GRANULATED SUGAR, 14 LBS. FOR.....\$1.00

\$1.25 Climax Roast- ed Coffee in pails	\$1.25 Gladiator Roasted Coffee, pails	Good Green Fancy Rio Coffee, per lb.	Choice Green Pea- berry Coffee, per lb.	Fancy Green Pea- berry Coffee, per lb.
\$1.15	\$1.15	20c	22½c	25c

17 LBS. FANCY HEAD RICE FOR.....\$1.00

\$1.15 Tulane Roasted Coffee, in pails	1 lb. pkg. Reliance Roasted Coffee	Can Yellow Free Peaches, No. 3s	Private Stock Corn No. 2s	Sunburst Lamp Oil, gallon
\$1.00	25c	23c	13c	12½c

OUR SELECTION FLOUR, PER BARREL IN SACKS.....\$5.50

California Fruits in No. 3 Cans, TROUBADOUR BRAND—the best, at the following price

Muscate Grapes.....22c	Egg Plums, Blackberries and Apricots.....23c
Cherries, Strawberries, Bartlett Pears.....24c	No. 1 cans Sliced Lemon Cling Peaches.....14c

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You will want a new Suit for the holidays and
why not save several dollars on same. The reason
we can offer such good bargains is that the Eastern
manufacturers made up all their material and to
dispose of these suits quickly offered some special
inducements. We fortunately secured some of the
best tailored suits at quite a price concession and
we offer them to you in the same way. We have
divided them into seven sections, as follows:
Men's Suits worth \$6.00 to 7.50, your choice...\$4.44
Men's Suits worth 8.00 to 10.00, your choice... 6.66
Men's Suits worth 11.00 to 13.00, your choice... 9.99
Men's Suits worth 13.50 to 15.00, your choice...11.11
Men's Suits worth 15.50 to 17.00, your choice...13.13
Men's Suits worth 17.50 to 19.50, your choice...15.15
Men's Suits worth 20.00 to 22.50, your choice...13.13
Look for the sale ticket and compare it with the
original price tickets and note the savings.

Muslin Underwear Sale !

Ladies' and Misses' Corset Covers, Slips,
Drawers, Chemise, Underskirts and Gowns
very much under-priced.

\$.50 Garments, specially priced.....\$.37
.75 Garments, specially priced......56
1.00 Garments, specially priced......74
1.50 Garments, specially priced.....1.12
2.00 Garments, specially priced.....1.49
2.50 Garments, specially priced.....1.87
3.00 Garments, specially priced.....2.23
4.00 Garments, specially priced.....2.98
5.00 Garments, specially priced.....3.74
6.00 Garments, specially priced.....4.48

Special Sale of Walkover Shoes

We are offering our entire stock of
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Regular \$3.50 Values Reduced to.....\$2.99
Regular 4.00 Values Reduced to..... 3.45
Regular 4.50 Values Reduced to..... 3.78
Regular 5.00 Values Reduced to..... 4.33

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The Star Male Quartet.

In arranging the personnel of this company, Mr. Bistline, its manager, has aimed first to secure musicians of genuine merit, in which respect he has been peculiarly fortunate, bringing together a company of singers well qualified for their individual parts, and obtaining delightful harmony in the ensemble. He has secured versatility by adding the String Quartet and the selections of Marie Robinson, Reader. The company does many things and does them all well.

Mr. Albert Bishoff, first tenor, is the possessor of a high lyric tenor voice which he uses with ease, and is of unusual beauty and sweetness. Mr. Bishoff plays the cello in the string quartet.

Mr. Bistline, second tenor, the violinist and director, is also a vocalist of ability, having studied with some of the leading teachers of the country, and for several years has given up his time to the study of male and string quartet. His aptitude for this special work has won for him success attained by but few.

Mr. Harry Clark, baritone, has made an extensive study of music and possesses a sympathetic baritone voice which he has well under control. He is also a talented violinist, and draws a round, full tone from his instrument which he combines with a beautiful, clear technic playing the viola in the quartets for violin, viola, cello and piano.

Mr. John Grant, basso, is a young man with unquestionable musical ability. Is equally good in solo or ensemble, and a valuable acquisition to any company.

Miss Marie Robinson is not only a finished reader but a deep student of literature, giving to her work a warmth and vivid portrayal of character which, added to her keen sense of mimicry and dramatic ability, calls forth the highest praise from press and public. Miss Robinson, as an accompanist, is also most gratifying, and does much toward enhancing the success of the program.

The press of the country wherever the quartet has appeared is liberal in its praise of the entertainment it furnishes.

At the Auditorium one night only, Friday, December 15th. Tickets now on sale at Windrow's Drugstore.

He is a friend who shows himself friendly. If you are a friend to this paper tell us the news.

One of the best lines of shoes ever brought to Hondo. Buy your shoes from Heyen & Co. and you will be well shod.

Notice, To Electric Light Users.—The light plant will shut down at 1 o'clock Monday morning and will be shut off all Monday night to make some necessary repairs. Hondo Light, Power & Ice Co.

Prof. G. W. Parish came out Tuesday and assisted Prof. Reed in getting the Draughton Business College opened on Thursday. Twelve pupils enrolled on the opening date and this is expected to be augmented considerably by next Monday.

Although the seats for the Lutheran Church have not arrived, the congregation has decided to put in some temporary benches and will dedicate the new structure with appropriate services on Sunday, December 17th. The public is invited to attend this service.

There has been a change in the regular passenger train schedule which may be noted elsewhere. Besides this a through fast train, the Sunset Limited, has been put on. It passes through here going east Monday's and Friday's and going west Tuesday's and Friday's.

A business meeting of the "Rook Club" was held at the home of the President, Mrs. Wm. A. Schmitt, on Monday afternoon. New rules for the game were adopted. Four games of "Rook" were played after which delicious refreshments consisting of cake and sherbet were served.

We are in receipt of a card from Hal Sevier announcing that he has formed a partnership with J. A. Maguire and A. W. Peer under the firm name of H. H. Sevier & Co. for the transaction of a general commission business in grain, provisions, stocks, bonds and cotton at 66 Broadway, New York. We wish Mr. Sevier success in this new venture.

The P. E. O. s entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Thomas on Thursday evening in honor of the B. I. L. s. The evening's diversion was 42. Nine games were played, Mrs. G. C. Goff winning the first prize and Mrs. J. N. Dowdy the consolation. Then followed a guessing contest, the guests guessing the number of beans in a bottle. Mrs. G. C. Goff won the prize, she having guessed nearest the number. Mrs. Estelle Vore added much to the evening's enjoyment by rendering several selections on the piano. Cake, ice cream, in yellow and white, the club colors, and mints were served.

Died.

Miss Lilla Adair, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Adair, died at this place about one o'clock Sunday morning, December 3, 1911, after a lingering illness of eleven months duration. The remains were interred in the old cemetery at this place late Sunday afternoon, Rev. F. G. Moses, the pastor of the local Baptist Church, performing the funeral services.

Miss Lilla was born in Hondo, February 10, 1889, and spent her early girlhood in this city where she endeared herself to all who came to know her, by her friendliness and her cheerful disposition. The family moved away from here some years ago and has since resided in Live Oak and Bee Counties. About the first of last January, the young lady was stricken with a stubborn illness which refused to yield to the best of care and medical skill. A trip to Arizona during the summer failed to afford the wished for relief and a few weeks ago she was brought to Hondo in the hope that this climate and the associations of childhood might woo back the failing strength. But all efforts were vain, and death closed up the scroll of her earthly existence and the soul winged its flight to the God who gave it.

The deceased was a faithful Christian, a consistent member of the Baptist church and was sustained in her last hours by the faith her creed imparted.

The large concourse of sorrowing friends that followed the remains to their last resting place attested to the esteem in which the deceased was held by those who have known her from childhood.

The Anvil Herald joins in the general sympathy for the bereaved family.

Farmers' Institute.

Under the direction of the State Department of Agriculture, a Farmers' Institute will be held at Hondo, Dec. 9, 1:30 p. m., at the court house.

This institute will be conducted by Mr. Paul Wipprecht, who will discuss Diversification; Rotation; Seed Selection; Kitchen, Gardens and better cultural methods.

Officers of institutes already organized will please assist in getting the farmers out to hear these important questions discussed.

The State Department of Agriculture publishes, from time to time, valuable reports upon topics of vital interest to the farmers of the State. All institutes will receive copies of all bulletins issued by the Department free of cost, and will be placed on the regular mailing list for future bulletins and reports.

These institutes are farmers' meetings devoted to the up-building of the best interests of the farmer. It is urged, therefore, that farmers bring their families and devote, at least, one day to a careful study and discussion of the agricultural questions which lie nearest their hearts.

ED. R. KONE,
Commissioner.

Succumbs to Wound.

Arthur Schott, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Schott of Devine, who was accidentally shot by his younger brother, James, on November 30 at their home in Devine, died last night at 8:30 o'clock in the Santa Rosa Infirmary. His parents and an uncle were present at the time of his death. The body will be prepared for burial by Shelly-Loring and will be sent to Devine tonight accompanied by his parents and uncle.—Wednesday's Express.

G. H. & S. A. Passenger Train Schedule.

WEST BOUND
No. 7. Arrives.....10:17 P. M.
No. 9. Arrives.....10:12 A. M.
EAST BOUND
No. 10. Arrives.....7:33 P. M.
No. 8. Arrives.....8:26 A. M.
P. JUNGMAH, JR., Agent.

Notice.

Royal Neighbors of America—Officers for the ensuing year must be elected and a full attendance is urgently requested at the meeting Tuesday, December 12th, at 3 p. m.

By order of the Oracle,
ORA HORGER,
LAURA A. WANSCHAF,
Recorder.

Land for Sale.

500 acres of land 8 miles south of D'Hanis. About 200 acres can be put in cultivation. Balance good pasture land. Will sell very reasonable. For further particulars apply to Joe Langfeld owner, D'Hanis, Texas. 4t.

Notice.

Hunting or trespassing in any of my pastures is strictly forbidden under the penalty of the law.

Jacob Reinhart.

Notice.

No hunting allowed in our pastures with dogs or guns.
2-1-12. Haegelia Bros.

A business college scholarship for sale cheap at this office.

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Every Time You Take This Powerful Drug You are in Danger. Take Dodson's Liver-Tone Instead.

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W. H. Windrow has a liver medicine called Dodson's Liver-Tone which is positively guaranteed to take the place of calomel. It stimulates the liver just enough to start it working, and does not make you sicker than ever—as

calomel often does. Dodson's Liver-Tone won't force you to stop eating or working after taking it. It is as safe for children as for adults. Try a bottle to-day under Windrow's guarantee. You know store is reliable.

Weather Report.

Hondo, Texas, for November. Total rain-fall, 2.22 inches. Temperature, highest, 82 degrees on 12th, lowest, 20 degrees on 29th and 30th. Killing frost for winter of 1911-12, Nov. 13th.

H. E. HAAS,
Voluntary Observer.

The Anvil Herald does job printing.

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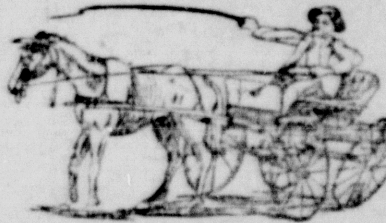
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THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

The Holiday Spirit now pervades everything--you breathe it in the air and feel it in every emotion of your being. "What can I give to make others most happy?" is the question uppermost in every one's mind. Here is where we serve you. No where is the Holiday Spirit more manifest than in our store, where we have on display a magnificent array of holiday goods that embraces every thing from the simplest toy for the tiny tot to the more pretentious gift for the husband, wife or sweetheart.



Toilet Essentials---

Elegantly finished toilet essentials that charm by their beauty and impress by their practical utility. We have manicure sets, shaving sets, and toilet sets, receptacles for powders, perfumes, soaps, lotions, etc., any of which will most surely please the recipients and cannot help being appreciated as a gift long to be cherished.



Reflecting---

that now is the season of social festivities and entertaining it will occur to you that personal adornment is in order as well as choosing gifts. You won't have to reflect long on where to purchase the most up-to-date designs in cut glass, silverware, jewelry or novelties because this store is the leading one in this line that stands for everything that is rich and handsome.



Jewelry Gifts---

Those that exhibit the highest artistic attainments of the jeweler's art. They can be seen and selected at our store where after months of painstaking preparation we have made ready the most superb collection of jewelry ever offered for the Holiday season. Matchless for gifts and offerings, any article in our store is sure to be appreciated.

Remember we have a large stock of Toys, Fireworks, Novelties, etc., for the children as well as the more valuable gift articles. Bring the children to see our stock and come and make your purchases before the final rush is on.

WILLMANN & MARTIN
Santa Claus' Headquarters

The Angel Doctor's Christmas

Carl Jenkins

OPPOSITE each other in the cozy morning room sat a young woman and a girl of twelve.

"Now, Cousin Hilda," said the latter, as she smoothed down her dress and settled herself in her chair, "I'm going to tell you all about it, and then we'll go out and buy a Santa Claus suit for him."

"Yes, Polly," answered the young man.

"I had gone to Europe. You had packed up and skated as if the angels were after you. Mother said she didn't believe you wanted to go to Europe, but that your mother made you."

"Don't talk nonsense, Polly."

"Well, you skated anyhow."

"And don't talk slang."

"Slang isn't slang. It means that you just glided off like a streak of lightning. You had skated, and I was lame, and I was out walking with me, when a boy came along with a big dog. He was tough. So I hid my dog. He shouted at me: 'Take care of your dog!'"

"Why?" I answered.

"Cause my dog will chew him."

"I was just going to tell him that his dog did there would be trouble in the camp, when it sprang upon the dog and ended her life. I can't describe my feelings as I saw her smothering her last."

"Well, don't try to—not if there's any slang in it."

"Why, Hilda, I haven't said a slang word. You know how very, very particular mother is with me. No, I can't describe my feelings, but I remember that I went for that boy, tooth and nail. I hit and scratched and kicked and bit, and I was doing him up when—"

"Polly Sewell!" exclaimed Miss Hilda in horror.

"Now what's happened?" Polly asked. "I told it to papa just this way, and he patted me on the shoulder and called me good girl. As I was saying, I was putting in my best when along came a taxi with a woman in it. Maybe she was singing, and maybe she only wanted to get home to lunch. Maybe the chauffeur yelled 'Hi!' at me, and maybe he just wanted to kill another girl. However it was, he ran me down. Yes, cousin, I was knocked out."

"You mean you lost consciousness?"

"Gracious, but how ignorant you are for a girl of twenty! Nobody can be knocked out without losing their consciousness. That's the whole idea of it. Yes, I was knocked out and sent out, and when I came to I was in the hospital with three broken ribs. That fat woman must have weighed a ton. It was hours and hours before I came to, and then—oh, then—"

"Then what?"

"Then there was the loveliest angel standing beside my cot in the hospital ever saw. Nobody knew who I was, and they had rung for the ambulance and taken me to the hospital. And, oh, that angel, cousin—that angel!"

"You mean a nurse, of course."

"I don't. I mean a man—a doctor. He had hold of my hand. He was looking down on me with his sad, deep eyes. I saw at once that he had some great sorrow on his mind. Yes, he had the finest eyes—and curly hair, and a handsome nose, and what he spoke to me there was pathos in his voice. And the fun of the whole thing was that I knew him at once, while he didn't know me from a side of sole-leather. Oh, you are interested, are you?"

"Polly, I was just thinking how frightened you must have been to find yourself in a hospital," said the blushing Hilda.

"Oh, I see! Well, save your sympathy. A hospital with an angel-doctor to fix up your broken ribs isn't a half bad place. In fact, I liked it so well that I lied to stay there."

"Polly Sewell!"

"I sure did. They had gone through my outfit without finding my address and had concluded I was a stranger in the town. When I opened my eyes and sort of winked at the angel—"

"Polly, that's surely slang!"

"No it isn't. I told papa about it, and he said things had come to a pretty pass if a girl with three broken ribs couldn't wink at the angel-doctor who has set them. When I had opened my eyes and winked the doctor said: 'Little girl, what is your name?'"

"It's Hannah Jones."

"And where do you live?"

"At far-off Blackberry Corners."

"Polly, you ought to have been sent to jail!" was the emphatic comment.

"But I had my little scheme to work. You see. Papa hunted for five days

before he found me, and then it was ten more before the angel would let him take me home. Cousin Hilda, a girl who is the real thing can accomplish a heap in fifteen days, even if she has broken ribs. I wanted to have a chat with that angel on outside matters, and I had three or four of them. You ought to have seen his face when I told him where I had seen him before and asked if he didn't remember me."

"But—but I don't—don't—" protested Hilda in a puzzled way.

"But you will in just a minute. I told him I had seen him in this very house! Now, then!"

"Polly, it wasn't—"

"Oh, it wasn't eh? Want to bet a \$20 hat it wasn't? Of course it was, and I was so mad at you that it set my broken ribs back all of three days. Dr. Charles Mortimer, and because he isn't rich your mother is down on him and she skated you off to Europe. Oh, I got on to the racket right away."

"Polly Sewell, you are a wicked girl! You use slang, and you fib to the doctor, and you meddle with other people's affairs, and—"

"And such dark eyes—and such a deep, pathetic voice! And we had several confidential chats together—very confidential. We didn't even let a trained nurse come within ten feet of us. Hilda, you don't know how confidential a girl becomes when three of her ribs are broken and she is afraid to draw long breaths!"

"And—and you talked about—me?"

"We did. I told him just what I thought of your mother, and I told him I was going to have a plain talk with you, and I told him—"

"Polly Sewell, I'll never speak to you again!" declared Miss Hilda as she rose and tried to look very angry.

"You'll have to, as we are going down town right away to buy Christmas presents for your Sunday school kids. I want you to help me pick out something for our angel-doctor."

"You—you can do that by yourself."

"But you can tell me whether the diamonds are all O. K. or not. No rhinestones for the angel with the deep, dark eyes. Dear me, while I can't help but grieve about poor Flora's death, I almost wish I could



"You Mean a Nurse, of Course."

have three ribs broken on the other side!"

It was three days before Christmas, and the streets were crowded and the stores packed like a ward caucus. It was crowd and jam and push. The cousins had to link hands to prevent separation. They had visited two or three stores and were still in the jam when Polly suddenly disengaged her hand and whispered:

"Watch my hike!"

And ten seconds later she was lost in the crowd, and the angel-doctor and Miss Hilda Fitch stood face to face. They were penned in. They had to lean against a show-case and hold their own. They had to talk and say things, and by and by the angel-doctor had to help select the presents for the Sunday school children and to help Miss Hilda through the jam to a taxi, and—and—

"Say, now," observed the twelve-year-old Polly when she made a call three days later on her cousin, "I don't claim to know everything, but I do know when to—hike!"

And she wasn't even asked what "hike" meant!

Holly and Mistletoe.

In the language of flowers holly signifies foresight, and mistletoe means "I have surmounted all difficulties." Holly, as everyone knows, is the symbol or sign of Christmas, but the custom of using it is older than Christianity. The Romans sent friendly greetings and sprigs of holly to one another during their winter festival. For this reason, perhaps, it was taken to stand for the spirit of love and good-will.

Mustn't Spin at Christmastide.

In North Germany, where the practical yet poetic spinning wheel still hums in the cottages, one must not spin during the twelve nights of Christmas lest he or she walk after death. If the spinning is done after sunset on Saturday, mice will eat the work. If one wishes to have money and good luck all the year, one should not fail to eat herring on New Year's Day.

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Baltimore, Md.—"I send you here with the picture of my fifteen year old daughter Alice, who was restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. She was pale, with dark circles under her eyes, weak and irritable. Two different doctors treated her and called it Green Sickness, but she grew worse all the time. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended, and after taking three bottles she has regained her health, thanks to your medicine. I can recommend it for all female troubles."—Mrs. L. A. CORNELL, 1103 Rutland Street, Baltimore, Md.

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Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 20, Boston.

How Fido Lost Out.

"My girl used to think a lot of her pug dog, but I've managed to get the edge on him since we married."

"How did you work it?"

"Fido wouldn't eat her cooking, and I did."

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FATE AND THE FLETCHERS

Intervention That Made It Certain Hour for Senator's Death Had Not Struck.

Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida sought his berth one night on a sleeping car on the way south from Washington. Pulling back the curtains of a lower nine, he saw that his bed was already occupied.

"Hi, there!" called the senator, shaking the stranger by the shoulder. The sleeper awoke and protested angrily.

"My name's Fletcher," explained the statesman, "and this is my berth."

"You've got nothing on me," answered the other. "My name's Fletcher, and this is my berth."

"My full name is Duncan U. Fletcher," the senator elaborated.

"So's mine," agreed the intruder.

"Ah, I see," said the senator, politely. "There must have been a mistake in reserving the same berth for two men of the same name. 'Til go into the next sleeping car."

The stranger, by this time, was fully awake, and proceeded to apologize, and to offer to give up the berth. This the senator would not do, but went into the car ahead, and found a place to sleep.

An hour later the train was wrecked. The car in which the stranger occupied the lower nine fell through a trestle, and that Fletcher was killed. The senator's car was not damaged at all.—Popular Magazine.

VAIN EXPERIMENT.



Daughter—Pa, why do you let the furnace go out every evening Mr. Romance comes to see me?

Father—I am trying to freeze out the microbe of love, my deluded daughter.

Tree Destroyers.

Porcupines are good climbers, and when unable to get enough apples wind-blown to the ground, swarm a tree and cut down the finest bearing limbs as quickly and neatly as a beaver can sever the trunk of a young hemlock. Besides that, when other food is scarce they nibble the bark off young apple trees, and can destroy a newly planted orchard in a short time. They also are a great enemy to the young spruce, but why they cut them is a mystery, as it is not found that they even eat the tenderest shoots.

Since Teacher Did Not Know.

It was in the primary class of a graded school in a western city and the day was the 22d of February.

"Now, who can tell me whose birthday this is?" asked the teacher.

A little girl arose timidly.

"Well, Margaret, you may tell us," said the teacher.

"Mine," was the unexpected reply.

—Everybody's Magazine.

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"Was that play you speak of highly artistic and poetical?" asked the girl who poses.

"I don't believe it could have been," replied the girl who is frank. "I understood and enjoyed every word of it."

Insulted.

A strapping German with big beads of perspiration streaming down his face was darting in and out of the aisles of a Philadelphia department store.

His excited actions attracted the attention of all salespersons, and they hardly knew what to make of it. A hustling young man of the clothing department walked up to him and asked, "Are you looking for something in men's clothing?"

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VERILY, much blowing is a weariness of the flesh and a vexation of the spirit as well as a waste of hot air!

Do your Christmas shopping early!—Hondo Anvil Herald. What with a gun?—Marathon Hustler. Oh, pshaw! That advice was for fellows who can "run their face"—not newspaper guys!

Don't depend altogether upon the night-watchman for protection from fire. Put your premises in proper condition by removing all rubbish that is liable to catch fire from the holiday fire-works!

THE Anvil Herald has the largest circulation in Hondo and in Medina County of any paper in the world. Our circulation books are open to any responsible party who wishes to verify the statement by comparison!

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And a ship stands in from the far sea line—
A shape that never is seen by day,
In mist enshrouded and veiled in spray,
Bearing no store of mart or mine.

Out of the haven of heart's desire
Many a year's she overdue;
Dreams forgotten and visions old,
Yearnings battered away for gold—
These are the wares she brings to you.

Spill of the lands of long ago,
Treasure of years when the heart was young,
Tears she bringeth and childish woe,
Wistful longing and kiss of snow,
The hope untold and the song unsung.

You never shall hear her anchor chains
Nor ever the sound of her flapping sail,
Yet eyes that are weary and old and dim
Have seen her far on the ocean rim,
Sailing across the silver trail.
—Charles W. Kennedy in *Ainslee's*

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In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach trouble is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at W. H. Windrow's.

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as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Remembered the Lesson.
My little girl, who was about three years old, had always had it impressed upon her that after she was once dressed she should not get dirty again. One afternoon after being dressed she went out to play and fell down in the dirt. She then came running to me and cried, "O mamma now I'm all undressed"—Exchange.

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NOTICE—Mr. Huehner is unavoidably absent from the city, and during his absence parties having business with this paper are requested to see Mr. Louis Scherrer at Courand's store.

On Tuesday morning, November 21, 1911, at 9 o'clock, occurred a pretty wedding at the St. Louis Catholic church, the contracting parties being Mr. Alfred Mann and Miss Margaret Suehs. A large number of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony that bound these two lives in one. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. Heckman. This was followed by a nuptial High Mass. The attendants were Mr. Chas. Suehs, Jr., and Miss Della Kauffmann, Mr. Wm. Bourquen and Miss Minda Schneider.

At San Antonio Tuesday morning, Nov. 21, 1911, the marriage of Mr. Wm. J. Cole and Miss Lena Forst, both of Castroville was solemnized at the St. Joseph's parsonage, Rev. Wm. A. Fuhrwerk officiating.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Haas was baptized in the Catholic church last Wednesday and was given the name of Louis Joseph. The sponsors Albert Bilhartz and Miss Laura Bilhartz.

Mrs. Frank Grimsinger and children of San Antonio are visiting relatives and friends in our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse D. Heath and lit-

tle daughter from Devine paid a visit to friends in town last Monday.

John Franger, Jr., has resigned his position at Mico and is clerking again for P. C. Jagge.

Jos. Biry and son, Robert, and Wm. Biediger left Sunday on a week's deer hunt on the Frio.

Mr. and Mrs. Hy. Tschirhart were tendered a delightful shiveree on last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scherrer were San Antonio visitors Sunday, returning Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Franger of Biry paid a visit to relatives and friends in town last Monday.

Herman Renken and family and Albert Morales and family of San Antonio paid a visit to relatives in town last Sunday.

Carpenters Louis Groff and Sebastian Tschirhart are building a stage to Tschirhart's pavilion. When finished the place will be known as the Empire Theatre.

The bans of Mr. Frank Haby and Miss Wally Seekatz, also Mr. Louis Bohl and Miss Mollie Gerloff were announced in the Catholic church Sunday.

The old burg had a regular city appearance this week. Several hundred workmen arrived in town, who will work on the Medina Irrigation canal and ditches. Consequently our merchants are doing a big business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Mann of Devine and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Lutz of D'Hanis were here for the Mann-Suehs wedding Tuesday.—The Quill, Nov. 24th.

Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave to-day," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, its the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by W. H. Windrow.

Toys for Baby.

Among a dozen toys that have been given my baby there were two rattles with hard rings at the ends—just right for a baby to stick down his throat. There was a ball trimmed with loosely sewed bells that the baby immediately pulled off and put in his mouth. There was a worsted ball, so fuzzy that it furnished mouthfuls of lint. The only thing that it was possible to leave him with was a rubber ring too large to get in his throat.—Exchange.

"Best on Earth"

This is the verdict of R. J. Howell, Tracy, O., who bought Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for his wife. "Her case was the worst I have ever seen, and looked like a sure case of consumption. Her lungs were sore and she coughed almost incessantly and her voice was hoarse and weak. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound brought relief at once and less than three bottles effected a complete cure." Willmann & Martin.

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D'Hanis News.

Two changes in the D'Hanis business world have recently taken place. By the first of these: Messrs. Eric Rothe and Jacob Vogel have acquired the D'Hanis Gin property from Mr. T. J. Sauter and are now the sole proprietors thereof. The other business change involves the dissolution of the well known firm of Sauter & Koch. This firm has been continuously in business at its present location since 1904 and has constantly enjoyed a large and lucrative trade.

A hunting party consisting of Joe, Ed and Henry Finger, Nic Fohn and Emil Schreiber returned from a deer hunt on Saturday last with 3 fine bucks all of which fell to the trusty rifle of Mr. Schreiber.

Their success fired the sporting blood of Judge Zinsmeyer and Mr. J. B. Yeager and they accordingly went out Saturday night returning Sunday night with a fine buck as a trophy. The Judge was the fortunate hunter this time. Another fine buck was killed on Friday last by Mr. W. H. Hearne on the Virgil Johnson Ranch.

Mr. L. W. Stephenson, a representative of the United States Geological Survey spent five days in our vicinity last week, collecting specimens of the various earths and rocks to be found among the Seco hills. He left on Thursday last but before leaving shipped a large box of various specimens he had obtained to the head office at Washington, D. C. There these specimens will be carefully analyzed and then we will know whether we have any mineral or other deposit of any value in our neighborhood.

The new machinery for the Seco Brick Plant has almost all arrived. The locomotive which was ordered proved unsuitable for the purposes for which it was needed, but negotiations are already taking place to acquire a suitable locomotive, unless weather conditions interfere it is expected that the machinery will be in operation within 10 days.

Martin Zimmermann of San Antonio, representing the National Grocery Company of that city was a business visitor here on Monday last.

Messrs. Emil King and Charles Mercy of San Antonio and Mr. Jacob Koch of here returned on Friday last from a 3 days hunting trip at the Joe Nester ranch. The party brought a big buck back with them, Mr. King being the fortunate hunter that bagged the game. Mr. Mercy however had one shot which took off one horn. The trophy will be mounted and will be on exhibition at Mr. King's place, 412 S. Medina St. San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. J. M. McLeese of Carrizo Springs was a visitor at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Koch on last Friday. Mr. McLeese informs us that he has disposed of his newspaper at Carrizo, and has now embarked in the real estate business.

Mr. Toby Koch and family were in town Sunday visiting home folks.

Mrs. John Lutz Sr. the mother-in-law of Mr. Joe Lutz was taken suddenly ill on last Saturday morning, Dr. Bradley of Hondo was summoned and rendered medical aid and at this writing the lady is reported much better.

The little 3 year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Koch is getting along nicely. Dr. Smith is attending her. She was very sick for a while, but now it is thought she will soon be well.

Mr. Joe Carle returned Saturday night from an extended and successful business trip to various Texas points in the interest of the D'Hanis Brick & Tile Co.

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The Christmas Home Song

by Wilbur D. Nesbit

The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home,
Wherever up and down the world the restless feet may roam.
When comes the time of holly-leaves, of fellowship and mirth,
That marks the glory of the day the Christ-child came to earth—
Then all about and all around, on mountain, plain, and foam,
The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home.

The wander-love! It leads us on beneath the dreaming star,
It beckons us with tempting hands from many lands afar;
It lures us where the lotos dream is filled with rare delight,
It guides us where the silent snows gleam through the endless night,
But now, to all who wander far beneath the sky's broad dome,
The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home.

It brings a picture of the past—a picture fair and free—
A picture of the good old home—wherever it may be;
And o'er the waves it sings to us, across the hill and plain,
Until the soul within us seems to echo the refrain.
Wherever up and down the world the restless feet may roam,
The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home.

To every man in every place there comes the haunting song;
It rises like a glory chant, in cadence full and strong.
To him who sleeps upon his arms before the tireless foe,
And he who bends above his desk, the coaxing strains must know,
For, sweeter than the clover-tang that drips from honey comb,
The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home.

Johnny's Christmas Journal

by Wilbur D. Nesbit

6 a. m.—Got up an went downstairs in my nite close an was pickin things of the Crismas tree wen pa an ma cum down an sed for gudness saik boy yule catch yure deth of coled; go bak to bed until it is time to get up.
6:15 a. m.—Put my close on an went down stares agen an et ten stiks of candy an' two oranges befor pa cum down an sed he wud whip me if I didnt go bak to bed an let him get sum slepe after bein up so late the nite befor, but ma sed Jon doant destroy the Crismas joy for our boy; let him aloan.
6:30 a. m.—I hav got a rairode track an trane an a hookin ladder an a set of dum bels, an injun clubs an a air gun an a pistol that shutes ar-

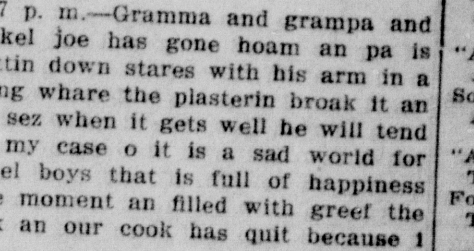


rrers at a target an a histry book an a pare of mittens an sevrul sacks an boxes of candy an hav et sum moar.
7:30 a. m.—Pa an ma kep astin me why I didnt eat no brekfast an pa sed he bet Ide ben etin candy alreddy in spite of his orders that I shuddent, but ma sed no doubt the xcitement of Crismas was enuf to take away my appetite.
8 a. m.—Grandpa an gramma-an-unkel Joe is here. They brot me sum moar candy an a injun sute with a tommyhawk an a torpeder bote, that winds up an sales in the wotter.
9 a. m.—Pa showed me how to run the trane on the track an broke the engin, but he sez it can be fixed. Unkel Joe giv me a dollar an I went out an bot sum burd shot to shute in my air gun an sum candy.
10 a. m.—It isent cold if you dont sit rite beside the parlor winder where I broke it axdently shutin with my air gun. Pa thretnent to lick me, but gramma sed boys will be boys an he was wots than me when he was my aige.
12 noon.—It wuz too bad about gramma, but I cudent help it. I wuz

playin injun on the trale and Missus Perkins frum nex dore wuz here and she wuz talkin with gramma an I run up behine them an tommyhawked gramma an Missus Perkins an then started to scalp Missus Perkins, but jest her hare cum off an she looked so funny sittin thare bollhedded that gramma fainted an choaked on her false teeth when I hit her with the tommyhawk an Missus Perkins went hoam an gramma had to go to bed an the dokter cum and giv her medisin.
3 p. m.—It is a loansum Crismas indeed to punnish me thay made me stay upstares an wuddent let me hav



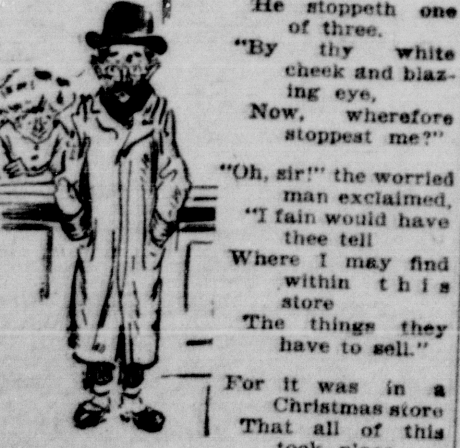
any Crismas dinner but I had four pounds of candy an hav et moast of it an my torpeder bote is sailin grate in the bath tub.
4 p. m.—I went to the winder to look out an fergot the bath tub an the wotter run over an the ceelin of the parlor fell axdently an grandpa an pa an unkel Joe an ma was axdently hurt so the dokter is bak agen an the plummer is comin if thay can find him.
7 p. m.—Gramma and grampa and unkel Joe has gone hoam an pa is settin down stares with his arm in a sling where the plasterin broak it an he sez when it gets well he will tend to my case o it is a sad world for littel boys that is full of happiness one moment an filled with greef the nex an our cook has quit because I



axdently shot a arrer frum my pistol into her ear an scarer her so she dropped a pan of dishes that wuz mas best chiny an broak them all up an she has quit an the fire engines cum because I tried to fire up my broken rairode engine an thay got the fire out but thare is a whole in the side of the house an pa swore dreadful an so I ask why do thay giv a littel boy things that cause them so mutch trubble.
They led him to an ambulance, Although he did resist,
And now in padded cell he cons His Christmas shopping list.
He shrieks upon the midnight clear,
And on the noonday air,
"Three aisles across, two counters back
Then up and down the stair!"
Oh, foolish men, take heed of this,
Before you go to shop,
And when you reach the outer door,
Tear up your list and stop.

Rhyme of the Man Shopper

By Wilbur D. Nesbit



It is a pallid, weary man;
He stoppest one of three.
"By thy white cheek and blaz-ing eye,
Now, wherefore stoppest me?"
"Oh, sir!" the worried man exclaimed,
"I fain would have thee tell
Where I may find within this store
The things they have to sell."
For it was in a Christmas store
That all of this took place.
'Twas there the frenzied man was seen
With hopeless, troubled face.

The stranger man would fain begone
From him of haggard eye;
Besides, the aisle was crowded with
The folks who would go by.

"I pray thee," said the stranger man,
"Go chase thyself from me."
"Ah, sir," the other man implored—
A woeful wight was he.

"A tortoise comb, a pair of skates,
A whole carload of toys,
Some things beside for all my friends,
And for their girls and boys.

"And here I am; and I am here;
The things—oh, where are they?
For male and female clerks conspire
To hide from me the way.

"But this I know, and this alone;
Three aisles across, then back,
Four counters down, one counter up,
Then double on your track.

"The elevator takes you next,
To land you otherwheres,
And when you weary of its crowd,
You amble down the stairs.

"But still—but still, my honest friend,
You do not reach the goal,
'Tis always 'on the other side,'
It is, upon my soul!

"So here am I, and I am here,
And you are standing by;
I care not where the things may be,
But where the deuce am I?"

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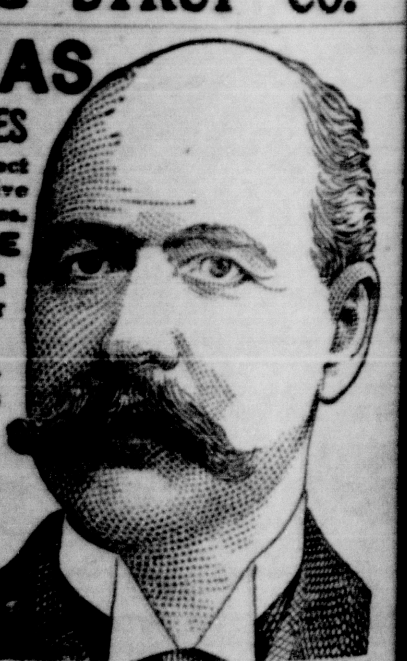
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WHY THE CHIMES RANG

By RAYMOND MACDONALD ALDEN
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HERE was once, in a faraway country, a wonderful church. It stood on a high hill in the midst of a great city; and every Sunday, as well as on sacred days like Christmas, thousands of people climbed the hill to its great archways, looking like lines of ants all moving in the same direction.

At one corner of the church was a great gray tower, with ivy growing over it as far up as one could see. I say as far as one could see, because the tower was quite great enough to fit the great church, and it rose so far into the sky that it was only in very fair weather that any one claimed to be able to see the top.

Now all the people knew that at the top of the tower was a chime of Christmas bells. They had hung there ever since the church had been built, and were the most beautiful bells in the world. Some thought it was because a great musician had cast them and arranged them in their place; others said it was because of the great height, which reached up where the air was clear and pure; however that might be, no one who had ever heard the chimes denied that they were the sweetest in the world. Some described them as sounding like angels far up in the sky; others, as sounding like strange winds singing through the trees.

But the fact was that no one had heard them for years and years. They were Christmas chimes, you see, and were not meant to be played by men or on common days. It was the custom on Christmas Eve for all the people to bring to the church their offerings to the Christ-child; and when the greatest and best offering was laid on the altar, there used to come sounding through the music of the choir the Christmas chimes far up in the tower. But for many long years they had never been heard. It was said that people had been growing less careful of their gifts for the Christ-child, and that no offering was brought, great enough to deserve the music of the chimes.

Every Christmas Eve the rich people still crowded to the altar, each one trying to bring some better gift than any other, without giving anything that he wanted for himself, and the church was crowded with those who thought that the wonderful bells might be heard again. But although the service was splendid, and the offerings plenty, only the roar of the wind could be heard, far up in the stone tower.

Now, a number of miles from the city, in a little country village, where nothing could be seen of the great church but glimpses of the tower when the weather was fine, lived a boy named Pedro, and his little brother. They knew very little about the Christmas chimes, but they had heard of the service in the church on Christmas Eve, and had a secret plan, which they had often talked over when by themselves, to go to see the beautiful celebration.

"Nobody can guess, Little Brother," Pedro would say, "all the fine things there are to see and hear; and I have even heard it said that the Christ-child sometimes comes down to bless the service. What if we could see Him?"

The day before Christmas was bitterly cold, with a few lonely snowflakes falling in the air, and a hard white crust on the ground. Sure enough, Pedro and Little Brother were able to slip quietly away early in the afternoon; and although the walking was hard in the frosty air, before midnight they had trudged so far, hand in hand, that they saw the lights of the big city just ahead of them. Indeed, they were about to enter one of the great gates in the wall that surrounded it, when they saw something dark on the snow near their path, and stopped to look at it.



It was a poor woman, who had fallen just outside the city, too sick and tired to get in where she might have found shelter. The soft snow made of a drift of pillow for her, and she would soon be so sound asleep, in the wintry air, that no one could ever waken her again. All this Pedro saw in a moment, and he knelt down beside her and tried to rouse her, even tugging at her arm a little, as though he would have tried to carry her away. He turned her face toward him, so that he could rub some snow on it, and when he had looked at her silently a moment he stood up and said:

"It's no use, Little Brother. You will have to go on alone."

"Alone?" cried Little Brother. "And you not see the Christmas festival?"

"No," said Pedro, and he could not keep back a bit of a choking sound in his throat. "See this poor woman. Her face looks like the Madonna in the chapel window, and she will freeze to death if nobody cares for her. Every one has gone to church now, but when you come back you can bring some one to help her. I will rub her to keep her from freezing, and perhaps get her to eat the bun that is left in my pocket."

"But I cannot bear to leave you, and go on alone," said Little Brother.

"Both of us need not miss the service," said Pedro, "and it had better be I than you; and oh! if you get a chance, Little Brother, to slip up to the altar without getting in any one's way, take this little piece of silver of mine, and lay it down for my offering, when no one is looking. Do not forget where you have left me, and forgive me for not going with you."

In this way he hurried Little Brother off to the city, and winked hard to keep back the tears, as he heard the crunching footsteps sounding farther and farther away in the twilight. It was pretty hard to lose the great church was a wonderful place that night. Every one said that it never looked so bright and beautiful before. When the organ played and the thousands of people sang the walls shook with the sound, and Little Pedro, away outside the city wall, felt the earth tremble around him.

At the close of the service came the procession with the offerings to be

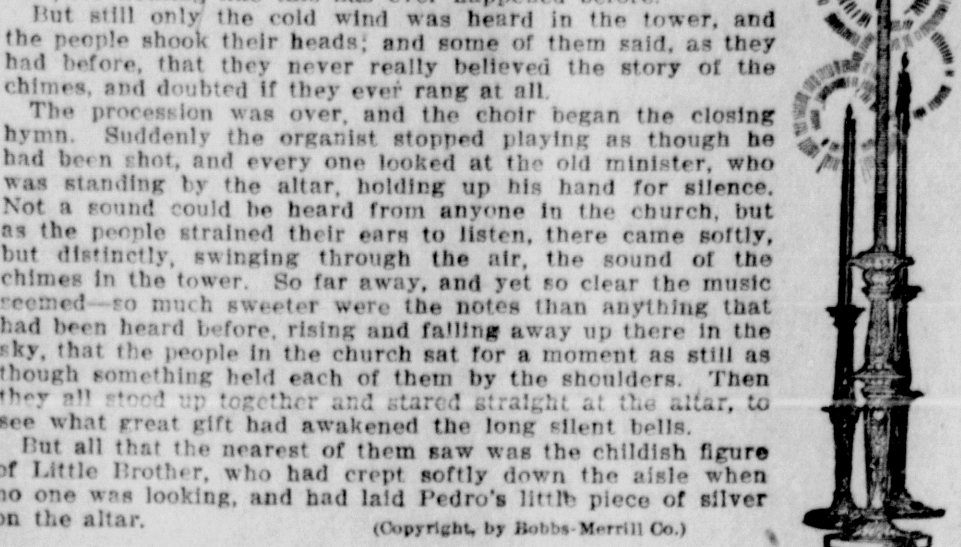
laid on the altar. Rich men and great men marched proudly up to lay down their gifts to the Christ-child. Some brought wonderful jewels, some baskets of gold so heavy that they could scarcely carry them down the aisle. A great writer brought his book, and last of all walked the king of the country, hoping with all the rest to win for himself the chime of the Christmas bells. There went a great murmur through the church, as the people saw the king take from his head the royal crown, all set with precious stones, and lay it gleaming on the altar, as his offering to the holy Child. "Surely," every one said, "we shall hear the bells now, for nothing like this has ever happened before."

But still only the cold wind was heard in the tower, and the people shook their heads; and some of them said, as they had before, that they never really believed the story of the chimes, and doubted if they ever rang at all.

The procession was over, and the choir began the closing hymn. Suddenly the organist stopped playing as though he had been shot, and every one looked at the old minister, who was standing by the altar, holding up his hand for silence. Not a sound could be heard from anyone in the church, but as the people strained their ears to listen, there came softly, but distinctly, swinging through the air, the sound of the chimes in the tower. So far away, and yet so clear the music seemed—so much sweeter were the notes than anything that had been heard before, rising and falling away up there in the sky, that the people in the church sat for a moment as still as though something held each of them by the shoulders. Then they all stood up together and stared straight at the altar, to see what great gift had awakened the long silent bells.

But all that the nearest of them saw was the childish figure of Little Brother, who had crept softly down the aisle when no one was looking, and had laid Pedro's little piece of silver on the altar.

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Behind the Gift

By Barbara Lee



MERRY Christmas! You're welcome! How have you enjoyed the first few hours today? Hasn't it been exciting and interesting? Now that the first little calm has come after the storm, let us settle back to look once again at gifts that are our special fortune to own in the great living room. There's father's gift. Can't you see dear old dad behind every page of your favorite set of books? All call, too, and illustrated by the only artist that appeals to you. What riches lie in the palm of your hand as you look! No one can rob you of these. Every page means the door of a new treasure house. How good of dear father! I wonder how he knew? He must have been listening when you and your chum had that ripping discussion of favorites. And you can't understand how he knew the color of your collection. Ah, well! Trust a father.

Mother's dressing gown. She made it unpheled and probably in the late night hours after the very long day.

See how cleverly her fingers have made three yards of cord look like much more. The loops and buttons are handmade; they cost so much less, and you know mother hasn't a bank account of her own. She has not cut down the ration, either. It's just her great, generous heart that has accomplished the seemingly impossible thing. The eyes are not so bright and blue as when she was the happy, laughing girl that dad first loved. But she sees just as far beneath the surface, and she knows how much you long for some things. Ah, what a world of sacrifice and love stands behind these gifts.

Oh, my! Don't smile, but isn't this just like that great, blundering cub of a Bob? He must have paid five or six dollars for this. Poor, misguided, stung brother! Now you can just see him sauntering into the "art (save the mark!) needlework" store. Do you see his airy nonchalance as he casts his eye over the pin cushions arrayed in glistening, satiny lines? How much is this? And this? The latter being the more expensive, was quickly chosen. Oh, what ever are you going to do with it? Bright pink satin, with a suggestive bunch of bright forget-me-nots blooming out from beneath a ruffle of very cheap lace. You'll never forget it. You know—the kind of things you see at fairs. It may be the reason! Perhaps the fair is an institution for helping hopeless pin cushions along an easy way.

But that's Bob for you! Care free, big hearted, a little rough on the esthetic edges, but ever willing to give you the best. Put back the abomination of satin and sawdust. Don't hurt his feelings, please. Thank him for his thought, his generosity. You can do this without being a hypocrite.

Here's something that hurts. Why? Oh, because it has been given to "get ahead" of you. She has money and has bought the most expensive of its kind and has forgotten to remove the price! She really should not have done this, for she isn't one of your inner circle and she doesn't care for you. Money stands back of this. Nothing more than the dollar mark lies beneath the lid. You know it, and a blush mounts

to your cheeks when you think of the few remarks that you heard the giver make about you at Laura's tea. Why do people do these things?

Here's a queer one. Lift up the box lid again. It's an old shoe box, but some loving hands have covered it with two paper napkins and—look at the contents! A loaf of the finest Dutch cake you ever tasted. Dear Bridget never forgets you, does she? In her little four-roomed cottage, where she's very happy and very busy, she always bakes the bread that you relish and sends her awkward husband up with her best wishes every Christmas day in the morning. What that cake means only you and she can tell.

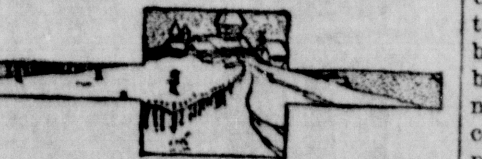
Let us look again at the little card before you. What did that? A tear falls on the colored church, with its bright roof and another splashes on the snow that is piled with childish prodigality at the roadside. A little boy has drawn that all for you. He calls you "Dear One," and once he told his mother that he felt sure that angels look like you, but she corrected him, as if a child could be stopped in harmless wonderings, and he never again ventured along lines of comparison. Poor little boy! You know what that card means! It means day and days of work. It means the gratitude of a crippled child who can't use a finger without pain. And he has drawn this for you!

Oh, my, isn't this funny! That clown of a Jack is up to his tricks again. He has bought a book for 49 cents and has inked it with his foolish hand, adding, "Reduced to \$1.08." And to pile Ossa on Pellon, he has been additionally frank in suggesting that it's "tres bum." That man can always get a smile from you.

There, you've dropped something! Don't lose that. It's a letter. Are you going to read it again? Why, you know every word in it!

"Dearest," it says, "I send you my heart, my soul, my life's best thoughts and actions. Will you keep them? Ah, no need to tell you what stands behind the note. You know, don't you?"

That's why it has been a very happy Christmas!



CHRISTMAS THE CHILD'S DAY

By Rev. Brandford Leavitt.

Christmas is the child's day in the Christian year, and how this weary and uneasy world needs the child-like mind to save it from itself. What is more subtly fitted to the needs of a worn and dissipated world than the image of all that is alive and fresh and unstained? It is the child in men we look for and love—again today the child is the savior that answers a smile with a smile, that responds to the confidence with confidence, ready to take you and me for what we would like to be and thus lifts us nearly to our ideal.

I have admired wit in men and influence and grace and beauty in women and I find also that one disturbs these, grows indifferent to them as he gets older and sadder and wiser, but loves in men and women the little child, longs for some one not to admire nor praise nor be charmed by, but some one to love so that loving shall be peace.

Our Gifts.

As the Magi came bearing gifts, so do we also—gifts that relieve want; gifts that are sweet and fragrant with friendship; gifts that breathe love; gifts that mean service; gifts inspired still by the star which shone over the City of David, nearly two thousand years ago.—Kate Douglas Wiggin.

The Spiritual William

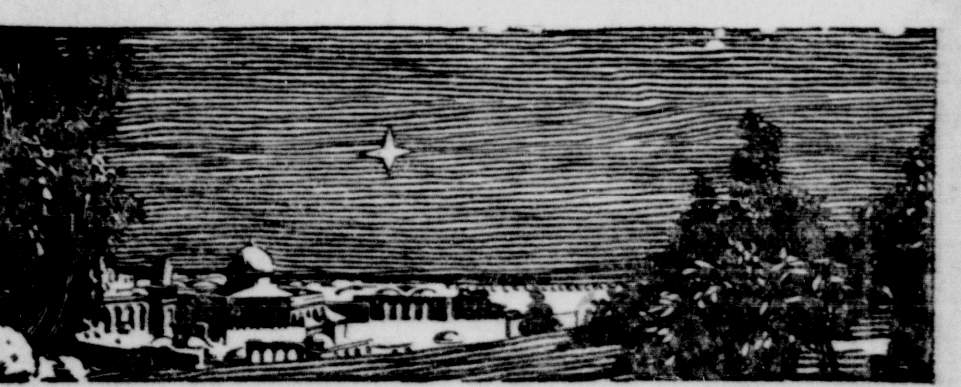
By William D. Washburn
Jesus of Nazareth... who went about doing good

Some are an-hungered, some athirst,
Some are borne down with heavy woe,
Some are of sin and shame accursed,
But in the Eve-star's heaven-glow
All are befriended, each has heard
Messages that bid him rejoice.
We are the ones that speak the Word—
Brother, my brother, it is His voice.

We go a-shuddering to the door
Sorrowing over all the want,
Giving the gifts brought of our store
Into the hands by pain made gaunt.
Nay, 'tis not ours that find the way
Into the dark and noisome street,
Bringing the cheer of Christmas day—
Brother, my brother, it is His feet.

Child lips to laughter alien-strange
Show us a miracle in this while,
When over them there comes a change—
When for the once they know a smile.
Baubles we bring are jewels fair
Found in the distant wonderlands.—
Think you 'tis we who bring them there?
Brother, my brother, it is His hands.

Pulsing to us through the centuries
Murmurs forever in one deep key,
"As ye have done it to one of these
So have ye done it unto Me."
Give as we can, and gladly, too—
Out of the soul does the impulse start.
What is the throbbing in me and you?
Brother, my brother, it is His heart.



ON EARLY CHRISTMAS DAYS FRIGHTENED BY SANTA CLAUS

Quaint and Interesting Customs That Prevailed When the Church and Festival Were Young.

In the early days of the church, it is said that the bishops used to sing carols on Christmas day among their clergy, and around the sixteenth century the well-known practice observed by children of going around the neighborhood singing Christmas carols beneath the windows of the houses, was commonly observed, usually taking place on Christmas morning. One of the oldest and most beautiful of the Christmas carols that has come down to the present day open with these words:

"God rest you, merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ, our Savior,
Was born upon this day.
To save us all from Satan's power,
When we were gone astray,
O tidings of comfort and joy!
For Jesus Christ, our Savior,
Was born on Christmas Day."

It is sometimes more appropriate to sing the Christmas carols on Christmas eve than on Christmas day, although they are sung at both times; but in England the choir of the village church used to go around to the principal houses in the parish and sing some of these simple hymns on Christmas eve regularly.

Frequently the singers were accompanied on some instrument and often the picture presented was a pretty one. The figures of the group of singers, only visible in the darkness by the lanterns they carried, and the sweet melody sung and played, made the observance a striking and beautiful one.

Sometimes in England, the carols were also sung in the churches in place of the usual psalms and hymns; although it was more customary for the clerk, at the close of the service in a loud voice to wish all the congregation a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

How the Dear Old Saint Carried Conversion Into an African Mission House.

An amusing story of how Santa Claus frightened the black children at a mission station when he first appeared to them a few years ago, is told by the wife of a missionary stationed at Ballunda, Africa. They had celebrated Christmas at Ballunda before, but they never had had Santa Claus, so Mr. Stover, the missionary, dressed up as good Saint Nick.

"He had been padded and powdered and packed until his own mother would not have known him," Mrs. Stover afterward related. "Presently we gave the signal, the door flew open and in walked Santa Claus. But dear me! What consternation! He was greeted with shrieks and groans and cries of 'Let me out!' It is the evil one. It is the day of judgment!"

"The urchins, catching the infection of terror from the older black people, fled to their bedrooms, fell down upon their faces, crept under chairs and tables—anywhere to hide themselves. Poor old Santa Claus never had such a greeting before. As soon as he realized the panic he had caused, he tore off his tall hat and white cotton beard. Then from the bags on his back he began to throw gifts right and left and to tell who he was.

"Reassured once more, everyone was soon laughing and chatting, munching the great 'red breads' (doughnuts), tasting their fruits or nibbling at the sweets from the familiar little bags.

"It seemed as though everyone tried to talk louder than his neighbor as they examined the costume of Santa Claus, whom they now no longer feared. One man said that he thought it was John the Baptist, another that it was Elijah returned. Yet another thought it was Satan himself, 'and all my sins rose up before me,' while a fourth confessed, 'My only thought was to hide myself.'"

Courthouse News.

BIRTHS.

Births reported during month of November:

Oct. 22, son to Edward S. Koch and wife.

Oct. 26, daughter to John Ulbrich and wife.

Nov. 1, son to Gus Wiemers and wife.

Nov. 4, son to E. Bendele and wife.

Nov. 5, son to H. G. Rohrbach and wife.

Nov. 5, son to Jose Yaguro and wife.

Nov. 5, son to E. Martinez and wife.

Nov. 7, son to Doroteo Medel and wife.

Nov. 7, son to Geo. Henefeld and wife.

Nov. 8, son to Jno. M. Finger and wife.

Nov. 9, daughter to F. J. Zerr and wife.

Nov. 13, daughter to Ben Reitzer and wife.

Nov. 14, daughter to Louis H. Heyen and wife.

Nov. 14, daughter to Travis Dubose and wife.

Nov. 15, son to Tiers Cadeno and wife.

Nov. 17, son to Louis Leinweber and wife.

Nov. 18, son to Emil Fuos and wife.

Nov. 20, daughter to Cristobel Arias and daughter.

Nov. 23, daughter to Louis Mofield and wife.

Nov. 23, son to Louis Saathoff and wife.

Nov. 29, daughter to Silas C. Barnes and wife.

DEATHS.

Deaths reported during month of November:

Oct. 17, Mrs. Sarah Wilson, Hondo, white female, 67 years, 8 months and 19 days.

Nov. 9, Simon Cadilla, Mico, Mexican male, 30 years old.

Nov. 10, Manuel Martinez, D'Hanis, Mexican male, 5 days old.

Nov. 11, Florencio Riojas, Mico, Mexican male, 30 years old.

Nov. 15, Mrs. Christina Moehring, near Hondo, white female, 74 years, 10 months and 21 days old.

Nov. 15, Mrs. Mary E. Harris, Mico, white female, 44 years old.

Oct. 17, John B. Hughes, Devine, white male, 70 years old.

Nov. 27, J. H. Holden, near Hondo, colored male, 63 years old.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Will M. Wofford and Maud M. Peters, Alfred Mann and Margaret Suehs, E. B. Haegelin and Lena Schuchart.

Taylor Shuler and Leonard Asbury. Frank Haby and W. A. Seekatz. Aug. D. Gerdes and Margaret Feitig. Manuel de Leon and Avarora Campos. Francisco Sanchez and Pifania Valles.

Louis Bohl and Amalia Gerloff.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Alf. Zinsmeyer to Barbara Zerr, May 14, 1906, deed to $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in 58 acres and 2229 square varas out of survey 441, D. G. Burnett, \$86.40.

J. W. Heath and wife to Geo. Carle and wife, Nov. 8, 1911, deed to lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, block 93, Hondo, \$4000.

Alex E. Jungman to Emil Schmidt, Nov. 18, 1911, deed to lots 10, 11, 12 and 13, block 4, Lacoste \$230.

Bippert & Keller to Joseph Hutzler, Oct. 16, 1911, deed to lots 7, 8 and 9, block 5, North Heights addition to Lacoste, \$155.

Aug. Vollmering to Franz C. Groos, et al, Nov. 20, 1911, deed to 541 acres out of surveys 422, 39, 447 and 31, \$27,050.

J. W. Fullerton to same parties, Nov. 20, 1911, deed with defeasance clause to 838 acres out of surveys 552 and 551, in names of Isaac Ticknor and Jose Trevino, \$41,900.

J. H. Williams, et al, to J. H. Smith, Nov. 13, 1911, deed to 156 acres out of survey 124, in name of C. C. Irr. Co., \$8050.

Louis Bilhartz, deed., by Jos. Bilhartz, Sr., (sole heir) to Joseph Bilhartz, Jr., et al, Nov. 24, 1911, deed to 235 acres, more or less, out of surveys 66, 60 and 69, \$1,000.

Geo. Carle and wife, et al, to J. W. Heath, Nov. 8, 1911, deed to 35 acres, out of survey 183 in name of F. Sybelle, \$4000.

Emil Schmidt, to Mrs. Rosa Geant, Nov. 20, 1911, deed to lots 10, 11, 12, and 13, block 4, Lacoste, \$230.00.

Richard Derby, to Gregonio Gonzales, Oct. 21, 1903, deed to lots 3 and 4, block 13, Lacoste, \$40.00.

Gregonio Gonzales, to Alex Hitzfelder, Nov. 16, 1911, deed to same property as above, \$150.00.

Santiago Hernandez to Alex Hitzfelder, Nov. 16, 1911, deed to lots 1, 2, 5, block No. 13, Lacoste, \$225.00.

Geo. Minten, to Franz C. Groos, et al, Nov. 10, 1911, deed with defeasance clause, to 184 acres, out of surveys 5 and 502, \$9,200.

F. P. Seekatz, to Medina Irrigation Co., Sept. 30, 1911, deed to 21 acres out of survey 20, D. Harvey, \$318.

J. G. Roach, to Franz C. Gross, et al, Nov. 22, 1911, deed to 323 acres out of survey 501, in name of John Iggonnet, \$12,920.

Henry Walter, to Aug. Brown, Oct.

27, 1911, deed to 58 acres out of survey 441, D. G. Burnett, D'Hanis, \$825.00. Nick Walter, to Aug. Brown, Oct. 27, 1911, deed to 58 acres out of survey 441, D. G. Burnett, D'Hanis, \$825.00. A. J. Swearingen, to I. H. King, Nov. 13, 1911, deed to 160 acres survey 156 in name of L. Esser, near Hondo, \$8000.00.

Mrs. Northup, Quincy, Ill.

Mothers should be grateful to know of a remedy for their own stomach, bowel and liver troubles as well as for those of their children. Mrs. Alice Northup of Quincy, Ill., after trying many methods is free to admit that the best one is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which she uses herself and gives to her family. She believes no household should be without it. This grand laxative and tonic is absolutely guaranteed to do what is claimed, and if you want to try it before buying, send your address for a free sample bottle to Pepsin Syrup Co., 119 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill. It is sold by all dealers at 50c and \$1 a bottle.

The thing that makes a man sure he has a streak of genius in him is for him to read something he could have written himself if he had thought of it.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of HERBINE in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c. Sold by W. H. Windrow.

The small boy enjoys coasting, but the average man can go down hill fast enough without a shed under him.

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When Simmons' Liver Purifier is so easy and pleasant, yet acts just as thoroughly as those harsh purgatives. (In yellow tin boxes only.) Price 25c. Tried once, used always.

A girl even wants the color of a paper bundle she is carrying to match the ribbon inside.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by all dealers.

He who sins expecting forgiveness is going to experience disappointment.

For coughs and colds use BAL-LARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It acts soothingly in the irritated lungs and throat. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by W. H. Windrow.

"I had been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me," writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by all dealers.

Land? land? See Hondo Land Co.

In the Dog Watch. Objection is made in New York to drowning stray dogs, for fear so many sunken barks may obstruct navigation.—Christian Advocate.

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When your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through and through from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For Sale by all dealers.

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There will be one ballot box at the Anvil Herald office. It will be securely locked and safely guarded against any unfairness. No one connected with this office nor any member of the editor's family will become a candidate or be allowed to work for any candidate.

Any young lady of Medina county is eligible to enter this contest at any time. No candidate once voted for will be permitted to transfer her votes to another after said votes have been balloted. Votes may be cast in person or sent to this office, where they will be balloted at once. Candidates may use their discretion in casting their votes.

New rules may be promulgated by the management of this paper as necessity may demand.

SCHEDULE OF VOTES:

The Anvil Herald will give votes on subscription payments as follows:

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FIRST - \$325 Hinze Piano, Style No. 81, Mahogany finish, new style case, with scarf and stool. This prize will be awarded to the young lady receiving the most votes.

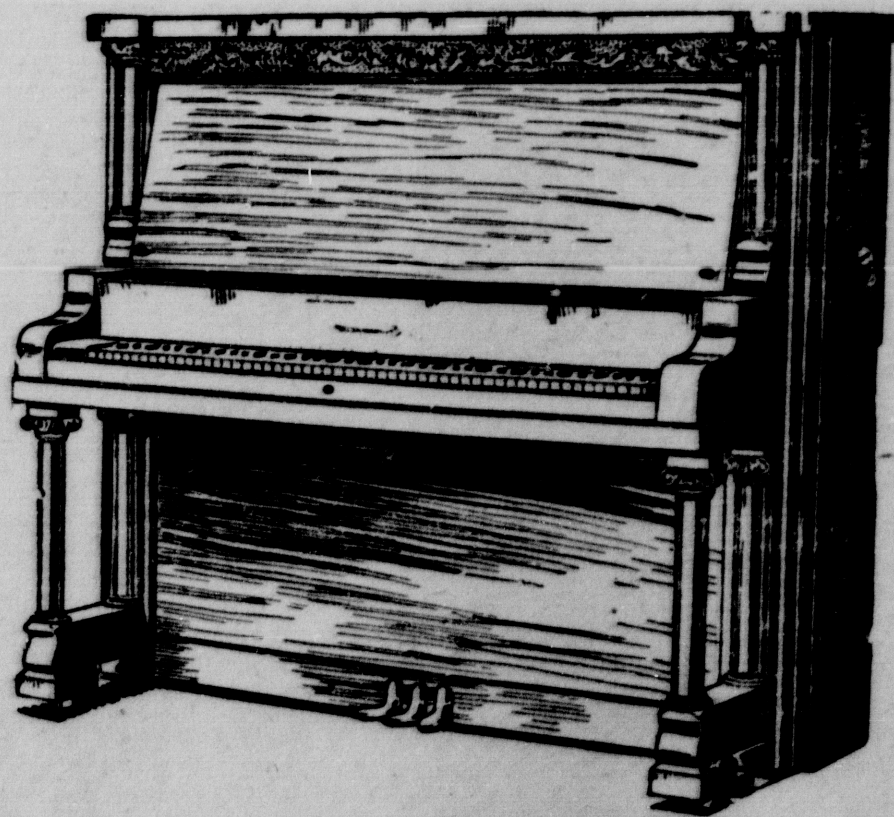
SECOND--The young lady receiving the next highest number of votes will be given HER CHOICE of a \$100 due bill good for so much cash on the purchase of a piano, a \$50 scholarship in Draughon's Business College or the \$35 sewing machine.

THIRD--The one receiving the next highest will be given HER CHOICE of the two remaining prizes, and

FOURTH--The next sixteen, in the order of their number of votes will be given a piano due bill or choice of either the scholarship or the machine if neither have been chosen.

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 If your friends are already subscribers and want to help you they can send the paper to some friend not now receiving the paper and cast the votes for any one they choose. Also, each year paid for in advance by or for the new subscriber will count as a new subscription for you. For instance, if a man pays you \$5.00 for himself or any one else he can cast one thousand votes in the piano contest and you get credit for five subscriptions. No subscription for less than a year will count.

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Simple Law of Nature.
 The Phrenological Journal says the organs of the brain conform to the pressure of the spirit, mind or opinions we may entertain. The organs grow by what we feed upon. Let a person be kept in anger much of the time, and more blood will be sent to combativeness, destructiveness, etc. Thus it is that our opinions or state of mind affect our bodies, brains and features.
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HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE
Perforated Rotary Roaster For Popping Corn.



For popping corn, parching rice or roasting peanuts the rotary popper designed by a Minnesota man is said to be a very effective implement. The drum has a perforated band around its circumference, and one end opens to permit of filling it or taking the contents out. A layer of corn is placed in the drum and the implement held over a fire of any kind. The left hand holds a tubular mounting, in which the handle turns, and this turning is achieved with the right hand. It is claimed that this process will pop corn evenly and yield a greater proportion of the finished product than the old style popper, which is shaken back and forth. It is also asserted that if the corn is kept continually revolving each kernel will swell to a large size, and there is less danger of having any of the kernels scorched before they get a chance to enlarge.

Lyonnaise Eggs.
 Peel and chop fine two medium sized white onions and cook them gently in one-quarter of a cupful of butter until they begin to color. Stir in one tablespoonful of flour, then add gradually one cupful of hot milk, chicken or veal stock and stir until smooth and thick. Season with pepper, salt and a speck of powdered mace. Add six hard-boiled eggs cut lengthwise into quarters, heat thoroughly, turn out carefully on squares of buttered toast, sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve at once.

Quince Honey.
 Pare and core five quinces and put the quinces through the fine food chopper. Put the skins and cores in kettle to boil in one pint of cold water. When they are tender strain the liquid off and add cold water to make a pint of juice, then pour that juice into a preserving kettle with five pounds of fine white sugar. When dissolved add the quinces (that have been through the food chopper), and after they begin to boil just boil hard for fifteen minutes and put into tumblers.

Corned Beef Hash.
 Take corned beef without gristle or skin and equal parts of hot baked potatoes, wet them up with beef stock if you have it; if not take milk. Just a flavor of onion and nutmeg. After you put it in your frying pan never stir. Put milk or stock in the pan first, with a generous piece of butter or drippings. Now turn in hash and simmer till the liquid is absorbed, brown and fold. For a change use bits of celery or pieces of bacon instead of butter.

Casserole of Beef and Rice.
 Line a buttered casserole with hot cooked rice, making a wall three-quarters of an inch thick. Mix together two cups of finely chopped roast beef, one-quarter of a cup of bread crumbs, one beaten egg, one teaspoonful of minced parsley, one-half teaspoonful of onion juice, pepper and salt to taste. Moisten with gravy and turn into the casserole, cover with rice and cook for about three-quarters of an hour. Serve with brown or tomato sauce.

Current Relish.
 Five cupfuls of clear red currant juice, four cupfuls of white sugar, a pinch of salt, two cupfuls of stoned raisins, the grated yellow rinds of two oranges and the juice and pulp of the two oranges. Boil about twenty minutes and skin carefully. If the raisins and juice look clear and rich it is cooked enough. Put in jars and seal. It is very rich.

Cocoa Bread Pudding.
 Soak one cup of fine bread crumbs in one pint of milk, add one tablespoonful of cocoa thoroughly mixed with two-thirds of a cup of sugar, two eggs well beaten, one teaspoonful of vanilla, one-half teaspoonful of salt and a bit of ground cinnamon. Bake in buttered cups and serve cold with whipped cream.

Peach Tapioca.
 For peach tapioca, peel and cut a dozen peaches into quarters. Sprinkle them with sugar and line a buttered baking dish with them. Fill with tapioca that has been soaked and cooked until it is transparent. Bake for about half an hour. Serve with cream and sugar.

Gingered Apples.
 Grind or chop good sour apples and add equal weight of sugar; also grated peel of lemon and a few pieces of white ginger. Boil till clear and yellow.

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 This Offer Should Gain the Confidence of the Most Skeptical.
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GENIUS IS ABSENT MINDED

Henri Poincare, the Famous French Scientist, Annexes Stray Property Without Knowing It.

Henri Poincare, the famous French scientist, does not find it profitable to work more than two hours at a time. His custom is to stay at his desk from ten o'clock to noon and from five to seven o'clock in the afternoon, never working in the evening after dinner. He drinks wine at meals, but never smokes. He goes to bed at ten o'clock and rises at seven, but does not sleep soundly.

He is a blonde, five feet five inches in height and weighs 154 pounds. His head is unusually large, especially in breadth. His eyes are myopic and unsteady. He stands stooping with his wrinkled forehead upturned.

He speaks somewhat slowly, with a distraught air, as though he were thinking of something else, even though he may be at the time interested and keenly observant. He speaks English and German readily and reads Latin and Italian. He is fond of music, especially Wagner.

Of the absent mindedness that has been characteristic of him from youth, many stories are told, says the Independent. Like most mathematicians, he is fond of walking while thinking, his fingers opening and closing in an unconscious gesture. One day on his return from a walk he was surprised to find that he was carrying a wicker cage, new and happily empty. He could not imagine how he got it, but retracing his steps he found upon the sidewalk the stock of the basket maker whom he had innocently despoiled.

When as an engineering student he made a trip to Austria, his mother was afraid he would drop his portfolio some time without noticing it. So, realizing, doubtless, that his memory was auditory, she sewed little bells on it.

The plan was successful. His mother found on his return that he had brought back in his valise not only the portfolio but also an Austrian bed sheet neatly folded, which, some morning, he had mistaken for his night clothes.

Eighty-Mile Precipice.

Capt. C. G. Rawling, a member of the British expedition that recently explored Dutch New Guinea, describes what may be the greatest unbroken precipice in the world. It runs, he says, for a distance of eighty miles from Mount Carstenz westward to the Charles Louis mountains. Its greatest sheer height is at Mount Leonard, Darwin.

The explorers were never in a position to measure with the theodolite a sheer height of this immense precipice exceeding 6,500 feet, but from many views obtained of it while he was climbing Captain Rawling has no hesitation in stating that the greatest perpendicular height is not less than 10,500 feet or almost exactly two miles.—Youth's Companion.

Rough Sea Without Storm.

Word was brought to the city that the bar at the entrance to Gray's harbor is the roughest it has been in a quarter of a century, though there has been no storm on the coast. The captain of one of the seagoing tugs of this port said that the sea on the bar was so rough he would not attempt to take his tug out under any conditions.

Reports from the beach resorts are that the seas have been rolling in on the beach equal to a severe storm. Seafaring men say there has evidently been an earthquake at sea.—Herald correspondence Portland Oregonian.

Bees and the Weather.

According to the bee farmers, France is threatened with a very severe winter. For some time the farmers have noticed a considerable agitation proceeding within the hives. The insects are busily engaged in fortifying their dwellings with a supplementary wall of wax.

It is said that prevision of these intelligent insects never fails, and when they take such precautions as they are now doing it may be taken as axiomatic that a severe winter will follow. It is recalled that the same phenomena were apparent in the year preceding the Franco-German war.

Romantic Old Bagdad.

Those of us who can think of Bagdad only as the magnificent city of Haroun-al-Raschid can hardly be expected to welcome the new international railway scheme. Let Bagdad remain forever inaccessible, except in dreams. But should the worst happen to Bagdad and the tomb of Zobeide become the shrine of tourists the old city will have to undergo a few repairs. For it is safe from neither plague nor flood.

Failure.

David Belasco, the noted impresario, has few failures. No one, however, not even a genius like Mr. Belasco, succeeds always.

A novelist, on his return from the far east, said at a luncheon to the noted manager:

"You produced Scribbler's comedy in my absence. Did it bring down the house?"

"It did, indeed," Mr. Belasco answered. "It brought it down from 2,500 to 90."

Little Mandy's Christmas Tree



by JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

And no front-door steps at all—
Ist a' old box 'g'nat the wall;
And no door-knob on the door
Outside,—My! but they 'uz poor!

Wuz no winder-shutters on,
And some of the winders gone,
And where they 'uz broke they'd pas'
Ist brown paper 'crost the place.

Tell you! when it's winter there,
And the snow ist ever'where,
Little Mandy's Ma she say
'Spec' they'll freeze to death some day.

Wunst my Ma and Me—when we
Be'n to church, and's goin' to be
Chris'mas purty soon,—we went
There—like the Committee sent.

And Sir! When we're
In the door,
Wus no carpet on
the floor,
And no fire — and
heels—and—head
Little Mandy's tucked
in bed.

And her Ma told
my Ma she
Got no coffee but ist
tea,
And fried mush—
and's all they had
Sense her health
broke down so
bad.

Nen Ma hug and hold me where
Little Mandy's layin' there;
And she kiss her, too, and nen
Mandy kiss my Ma again.

And my Ma she told her we
Goin' to have a Chris'mus-Tree
At the Sunday School, 'at's fer
All the children, and fer her.

Little Mandy think—nen she
Say, "What is a Chris'mus-Tree?"
Nen my Ma she gived her Ma
Somepin' at I saw.

And say she must
take it,—and
She ist maked her
keep her hand
Wite close shut, and
nen she kiss
Her hand—shut ist
like it is.

Nen we comed away
... And nen
When its Chris'mus
Eve again,
And all of us chil-
drens be
At the Church and
Chris'mus-Tree—

And all git our toys and things
'At old Santy Claus he brings
And puts on the Tree;—wite where
The big Tree 'us standin' there.

And the things 'uz all tooked down,
And the childrens, all in town,
Got their presents—nen we see
They's a little Chris'mus-Tree.

Wite behind the big Tree—so
We can't see till nen, you know,—
And it's all ist loaded down
With the purtiest things in town!

And the teacher
smile and say:
"This here Tree 'at's
hid away
It's marked 'Little
Mandy's Tree!'
Little M a n d y !
Where is she?"
Nen nobody say a
word.
Stillst place you
ever heard!
Till a man tiptoe up
where
Teachers' still a-
waiting there.

Nen the man he whispers, so
Ist the Teacher hears, you know.
Nen he tiptoe back and go
Out the big door—ist as slow!

Little Mandy, though she don't
Answer—and Ma say "she won't
Never, though each year they'll be
'Little Mandy's Chris'mus-Tree!'

Fer pore children"—my Ma says—
And Committee say they guess
'Little Mandy's Tree' 'ull be
Bigger than the other Tree!

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The Trifle

By HARRY IRVING GREENE

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HERE was a time when Wallington had generally been conceded to be a brand new genius in the financial world—a marvelous being who could change stones into bread and serpents into fowl; then all at once he found himself in the throes of bankruptcy.

He had exhausted his resources and was for the time being hopelessly insolvent. Day by day his little handful of remaining change vanished in steadily diminishing ratio as his meals became cheaper and further apart, until finally he had but a dime left. This coin he resolved to save for some last and most desperate extremity, and he even determined to fast for days before parting with it. And fast for days he did, while oftentimes the days came much too fast.

When Christmas eve came he had not tasted food for three days. He



felt that he could endure it no longer, that the last and most desperate extremity had arrived and that now he must spend his dime. He was plunged deep in meditation when he felt someone touch his arm and turned about.

Beside him there stood a gaunt man with cavernous cheeks, feverish, wild eyes, and a stomach that curved the wrong way. The apparition addressed him in a croaking voice.

"For God's sake, stranger, buy me something to eat. I am penniless and upon the verge of committing crime. I have worn out my shoes looking for work, and while I have a job promised me it will be a week before it is open. And meanwhile I am starving, friend, starving. In the name of Christianity spare me enough for a meal out of your plenty."

Wallington stared into the evening dusk as he fingered his last and smoothly worn dime. He knew well enough what this other man was suffering, for had he not been in the same stage twenty-four hours before! And to give a man a dime in such a case was so grossly inadequate. Yet what could he do? He turned about. Close before him was a restaurant where he had spent hundreds of dollars in his palmy days and whose proprietor he knew well. Yet he owed a bill there for his last big after theater dinner party of many months ago, and he had never had the courage even in his semi-starvation to go in and ask for more credit. Yet now it must be done, for here was a human being starving upon the streets. Wallington shuddered. It was plainly his duty to fill this man's stomach, and for the last time he would exert those powers of persuasion which once up-

on a time few men had been able to resist. He took the stranger by the arm. "Come with me," he commanded.

They entered the restaurant and Wallington walked straight up to the proprietor. "Bob," said he, "I owe you a pretty stiff bill, but I am going to go to work in a week and then I will begin paying you off. Now I want you to do me a last favor. I owe you about forty dollars, and a couple of dollars more won't make much difference to you. It is Christmas eve and my friend over there is starving. Now I want you to fill him up to the chin on good, solid food and charge it to me. I will not ask you for any favor again if you will do this last thing." The proprietor looked at his old patron thoughtfully.

"All right," he announced at length. "Being's its Christmas eve I'll take a chance on you even if you are down and out. Tell your friend to order what he wants." So Wallington and the stranger sat down together and Wallington watched his companion fill himself with good things until at last with his stomach again curved the right way, the droop gone from his shoulders and the feverish light vanished from his eyes, the gorged one arose.

"My friend," said the stranger. "I could not have endured it another day—but of course you have never known what it is to go two days without food. And when tonight you go home and sit down to your table to your feast, remember that there is an out-cast fellow being upon the streets who is blessing every mouthful that you eat. Good-by, Christian."

Wallington held out his hand. "Good-by, stranger, and good luck to you. It was a mere trifle. Happy to have been able to give you a lift." Then he went up to Frenchy's hash house and had his dime's worth of coffee and sausage.

JUST BEFORE THE TROUBLE

How Could the Listener Know What His Friend Was Trying to Say?

If any man ever admired his wife, that man was Howler. And when the Fitzbuddles asked Mrs. Howler to get up and sing "There Is a Garden in My Face" the husband glowed with pride.

No matter that she had a face like a hippopotamus and a voice like an elephant, he sat beaming as she sang, and could not refrain from bending over to his neighbor and whispering: "Don't you think my wife's got a fine voice?"

"What?" said his neighbor, who was a little deaf.

"Don't you think my wife has got a fine voice?" repeated Howler.

"What?"

"Don't you think my wife's got a fine voice?" roared Howler.

"Sorry!" returned the neighbor, shaking his head. "Can't hear a word you say. That awful woman over there is making such a frightful row singing."

Caring for Consumptives.

There are now four special methods by which consumptive workmen in the United States are being cared for. In such cities as Albany, Elmira and Binghamton, N. Y., the unions support a separate pavilion or hospital. In cities like Hartford, New Britain and South Manchester, Conn., the workmen contribute towards the maintenance of a fund for the care of consumptives. The employers also contribute to these funds. There are also two national sanatoria for the treatment of tuberculosis owned and operated by labor unions; one by the International Typographical union, and the other by the Printing Pressmen and Assistants' union. In Massachusetts, Illinois and elsewhere large corporations and manufacturers have agreed voluntarily to care for all their consumptive employees for a limited length of time.

Silent Innuendo.

"That woman always speaks kindly of others."

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne; "but she always does it in such a way as to imply that she is making some terrible mental reservations."



Faint?

Have you weak heart, dizzy feelings, oppressed breathing after meals? Or do you experience pain over the heart, shortness of breath on going up-stairs and the many distressing symptoms which indicate poor circulation and bad blood? A heart tonic, blood and body-builder that has stood the test of over 40 years of cures is

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Came Easy.

Representative James T. Lloyd of Missouri was discussing the president's belief that the extra session of congress would not try to revise the whole tariff law.

"He had about as much to go on," said Lloyd, "as the man who approached a banker with a request to lend him money on a note. He wanted five hundred dollars."

"Can you get an indorser?" asked the banker.

"Sure," replied the prospective borrower, mentioning the indorser's name.

"But has he got any money?"

"Lots of it," answered the other. "He wins it at poker."—The Sunday Magazine.

A Word of Wisdom.

"No, me dear," said Mrs. Maloney to the charity worker when the topic had turned upon the question of married women taking upon themselves the support of the family when the husband is out of work. "Don't yeez ever begin anyt'ing of that kind if so hap yeez should one day have a husband as your own. In the evint av that happening an' he should come home an' fall to cryin' because he was out av a job, do yeez sit down an' cry until he fouds it ag'in. Molded thot, now."—Woman's World.

Some men have a well-seated prejudice against giving up their place to a woman in a crowded car.

Longevity Personified.

Senator Benjamin F. Tillman relates an amusing anecdote about a colored man named Jeff, who has been with a neighboring South Carolina family since before the war.

"One day," said Mr. Tillman, "the mistress was rather surprised when old Jeff asked to have a few days to go, as he put it, 'up to de old stuf of Bostin,' to see his aunt."

"Why, Jeff," said the lady, "your aunt must be pretty old, isn't she?"

"Y'e'm," he replied, "yes'm; my aunt must be pretty ole now—about ah hundred an' five years old now."

"One hundred and five years!" claimed his mistress, "what on earth is she doing up there in Boston?"

"Deed, I's dunno what's she doin', ma'am," rejoined old Jeff, in a seriousness, "she's up dere livin' w' her gran'mother."

Scouting at Home.

"No, thanks," says the man with the grizzly mustache. "I'd like to indulge in a little game of poker tonight, but I think I'd best go home."

"Nonsense!" says his friend. "What's changed you all of a sudden?"

"Well, you see, my son has joined the Boy Scouts, and the little race has become so shrewd that he can tell by where my hat is just how time I came in the night before."—Judge.

We Get a Slap

The big coffee trust, made up of Brazilian growers and American importers, has been trying various tactics to boost the price of coffee and get more money from the people.

Always the man who is trying to dig extra money out of the public pocket, on a combination, hates the man who blocks the game.

Now comes a plaintive bleat from the "exaggerated" ones.

The *Journal of Commerce* lately said: "A stirring circular has just been issued to the coffee trade." The article further says:

"The coffee world is discussing what is to be the future of coffee as a result of the campaign of miseducation carried on by the cereal coffee people. We have before us a letter from one of the largest roasters in the South asking what can be done to counteract the work of the enemies of coffee."

"The matter should have been taken up by the Brazilian Gov't when they were completing their beautiful valorization scheme."

Then the article proceeds to denounce Postum and works into a fine frenzy, because we have published facts regarding the effect of coffee on some people.

The harrowing tale goes on.

"Where a few years ago everybody drank coffee, several cups a day, now we find in every walk in life people who imagine they cannot drink it. (The underscoring is ours.) Burly blacksmiths, carpenters, laborers and athletes have discontinued or cut down the use of coffee; as there is not a person who reads this and will not be able to find the same conditions existing among his own circle of acquaintances, is it not well for the Brazilians to sit up and take notice?"

Isn't it curious these "burly" strong men should pick out coffee to "imagine" about? Why not "imagine" that regular doses of whiskey are harmful, or daily slugs of morphine?

If "imagination" makes the caffeine in coffee clog the liver, depress the heart, and steadily tear down the nervous system, bringing on one or more of the dozens of types of diseases which follow broken-down nervous systems, many people don't know it.

But it remained for the man who has coffee, morphine or whiskey to sell, to have the supreme nerve to say: "You only imagine your disorders." Keep on buying from me.

Let us continue to quote from his article.

"Notwithstanding the enormous increase in population during the past three years, coffee shows an appalling decrease in consumption."

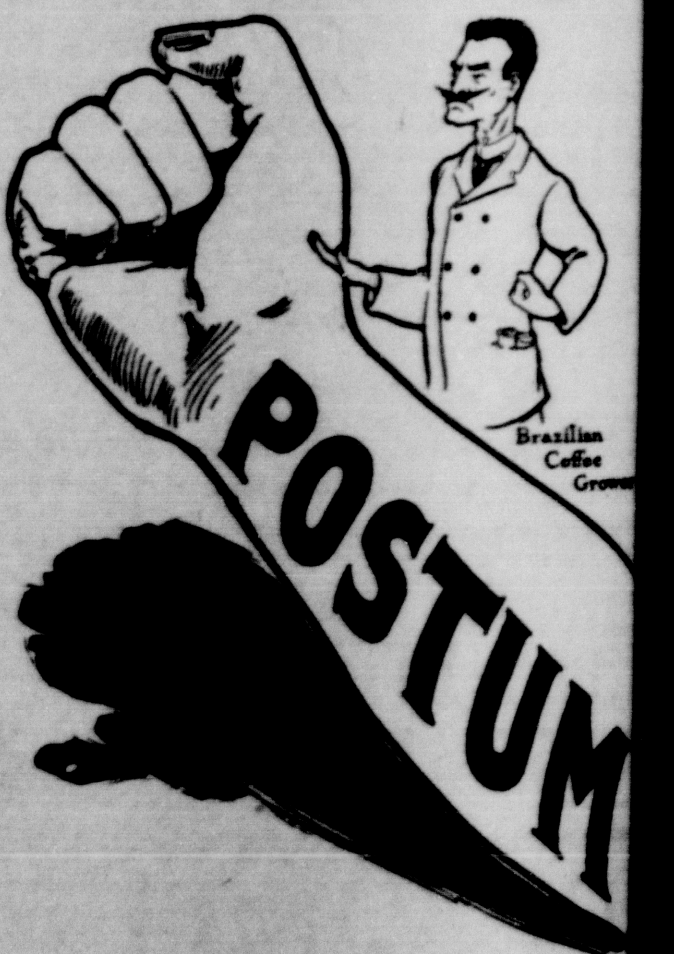
Then follows a tiresome lot of statistics which wind up by showing a decrease of consumption in two years of, in round figures, two hundred million pounds.

Here we see the cause for the attacks on us and the Brazilian sneers at Americans who prefer to use a healthful, home-made breakfast drink and incidentally keep the money in America, rather than send the millions to Brazil and pay for an article that chemists class among the drugs and not among the foods.

Will the reader please remember, we never announce that coffee "hurts all people."

Some persons seem to have excess vitality enough to use coffee, tobacco and whiskey for years and apparently be none the worse, but the number is small, and when a sensible man or woman finds an article acts harmfully they exercise some degree of intelligence by dropping it.

We quote again from the article: "These figures are paralyzing but correct, being taken from Leech's statistics, recognized as the most reliable."



This is one of the highest compliments ever paid to the level-headed, common sense of Americans who cut off about two hundred million pounds of coffee when they found by actual experiment (in the majority of cases) that the subtle drug caffeine, in coffee, worked discomfort and varying forms of disease.

Some people haven't the character to stop a habit when they know it is killing them, but it is easy to shift from coffee to Postum, for, when made according to directions, it comes to table a cup of beverage, seal brown color, which turns to rich golden brown when cream is added, and the taste is very like the milder grades of Old Gort Java.

Postum is a veritable food-drink and highly nourishing, containing all the parts of wheat carefully prepared to which is added about ten per cent of New Orleans molasses, and that is absolutely all that Postum is made of.

Thousands of visitors to the pure food factories see the ingredients and how prepared. Every nook and corner is open for every visitor to carefully inspect. Crowds come daily and seem to enjoy it.

"There's a Reason"

Postum Cereal Company, Limited
Battle Creek, Michigan



A NOTE TO YOU

Hondo, Texas, Dec. 8, 1911
Most great men set examples which it would be well for all to emulate.
We aim to do this as much as possible and attribute many of our good traits to the effort, but we can't follow Shakespeare's example, for there is a decided tendency in our make-up to frequently repeat in these notes that we endeavor to supply you with the very best in the drug line.
Yours truly,
W. H. WINDROW.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

At Windrow's.
F. Kilborn, Jr.'s.
Candies from 25c to \$4.00. F. A. Heyen.
Irons, Shovels and Tongs at C. A. Heyen's.
We can fix you up with a good stove.
George Neuman went up to the dam site Sunday.
Monkhouse was a San Antonio Sunday.
Have your clothes cleaned and pressed by C. R. Hoover.
W. Roberts went to San Antonio Sunday on business.
E. Gaines made a business trip to San Antonio Thursday.
We have the necessary Utensils for your cooking. Holloway Bros.
Nice four room house in Hondo for rent. Apply to Hondo Land Co.
We received a nice line of chocolates and bonbons at Hutzler's.
A. Nordmark and Eugene Mofield went up to the dam site Thursday.
Turning Plows and Middle Breakers; something good at Holloway Bros.
Get your boxed Apples and all kinds of Christmas fruits from Anderson.
Call on F. A. Heyen for good cigars, chewing and smoking tobacco.
That \$1.00 Razor, guaranteed, will be a good present. Holloway Bros.
Miss Rothe came in Thursday from business trip out to his Kinney County.
Miss Mae McCune of San Antonio is the guest of Miss Mattie Brieden the first of the week.
When you need the services of a Public call at the Anvil Herald or ring telephone 127.
Sale of Medina County, and towns Hondo and Devine, for sale, Medina County Abstract Co., Hondo, Texas.
Mrs. J. G. Heyen and baby went to Uvalde Monday to spend the week with Mrs. Heyen's mother, Mrs. Stevenson.
Miss Rothe returned the first of the week from College Station where he been attending the A. & M. College.

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Souvenir post cards at F. A. Heyen's.
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Ask your merchant for piano contest tickets.
Fireworks of all kinds at F. A. Heyen's.
You can get some nice China at Holloway Bros.
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We have the necessary Utensils for your cooking. Holloway Bros.
Call on F. A. Heyen for your citrons and other fruit-cake ingredients.
Call at this office and let us show you how to get a business education cheap.
R. J. Noonan, county attorney, went to Castroville Wednesday on official business.
Mrs. J. D. Smith visited San Antonio the first of the week, returning Wednesday.
How about a bicycle for Christmas? Call on Gaines now and pick out what you want.
M. S. Koch spent Tuesday in Hondo and went to San Antonio Wednesday on business.
Ask for your piano contest ticket when you buy a ticket to the moving picture show.
When you get hungry don't forget to feed your face at Stich's restaurant south of depot.
For Sale-A surry and harness and two little buggies. Apply to Leo. Schroeter at shop.
Messrs. E. G. Garwood and Henry Kueck Jr. went to New Braunfels Tuesday on business.
Mrs. E. R. Fink and baby are here visiting Mrs. Fink's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Chancey.
For your Christmas cakes get your seeded raisins, currants, dates, figs and citron at Hutzler's.

LADIES....
MY ENTIRE STOCK
OF TAILORED HATS
IS FOR SALE AT COST
TO CLOSE OUT. CALL
AND GET FIRST PICK.

MRS. HATTIE CANON
Willie Lieber and family were over from the Medina Saturday visiting relatives in this vicinity.
Charlie Fillman went to San Antonio Sunday evening. Mr. Fillman has secured employment in that city.
John F. Breiten came in Tuesday from Los Mores where he has been running a pump for the railroad company.
Read the scale of votes for subscription payment in our display notice and note how you can make them count double.
Ferdinand Kilhorn Jr. and Willie Fues went to Lacoste Tuesday where they engaged in putting in some tin roofing.
Mrs. J. B. Holloway, after spending Thanksgiving with her children here, left Sunday evening for her home in LaGrange.
L. V. Hardt went to the dam Wednesday where he will be night watchman for the Irrigation Co. at the diversion dam.
Mrs. G. W. Bennett spent last week end visiting relatives here. She returned to her home in San Antonio Sunday evening.
Johnn Donnelly and sister, Miss Katie, visited friends here last week and went from here to D'Hanis. They are from Mexico, Missouri.
Albert Walker came in Wednesday from California after an absence of several years, and is visiting his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker.
Don't delay any longer about subscribing for the Anvil Herald but order it sent to you at once and help your young lady friend win the piano by helping her clip the free coupons.

Butcher Knives and Saws. Holloway Bros.
Get you a lantern at Gaines; a good lantern at rock bottom prices.
Get your pecans, walnuts, almonds, coconuts, etc. from F. A. Heyen.
That \$1.00 Razor, guaranteed, will make a good present. Holloway Bros.
Don't wait until the season is over to buy your gun. Get it now from C. R. Gaines.
For Sale.-75 bushels of corn in the shuck. Ring phone 139. Emil Leinweber. tf.
Let Mechler & Co. do your plow work. Prompt and satisfactory service guaranteed. tf.
FOR SALE-Stove wood, Cord wood, long wood, stumps and posts. Line No. 19; one long, two shorts. Adolph Nietenhoefer. 10 4m
John A. Douglas is here from Attison, Alabama, visiting the Laughing-house family. He expects to be here some time.
For Marble and Granite Monuments, Iron Fencing, Etc. see catalogue and designs at the Restaurant south of the depot. J. H. Henderson, Agent.
R. B. Reynolds came down Sunday from Marathon on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Reynolds. After a few days visit he returned home.
John E. Neumann butchered a year-and-ten-months-old hog one day last week that weighed 420 pounds. Who can beat this for raising fine hogs?
W. W. Wilkey, a former Hondo boy but for the past several years a resident of Cananea, Mexico, was here this week visiting his cousin, Isaac Wilson and family.
Ernest Martin returned Saturday from the dam site and is back with his old position at Willmann & Martin's drug store. He spent the past month at the dam site relieving Oscar Taylor.
Mrs. Rettie Dayhoff left for a visit to her niece, Mrs. J. J. Dodson, at Uvalde Monday after having spent the past week here the guest of her brother-in-law, G. W. Dayhoff, and wife.
Miss Nellie Schneider returned Wednesday from San Antonio where she recently underwent a successful operation for appendicitis. Her friends are pleased to know that she is now fully recovered.
Mrs. Albert Schott and children were here the first of the week from Batesville visiting Mrs. Schott's cousin, Mrs. Otto Lebold. They left Wednesday for the dam site where Mr. Schott is employed.
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mitchell of Marfa were here the first of the week visiting their niece, Mrs. E. W. Lacy. They left Tuesday for San Marcos where they will visit before returning to their Marfa home.
The Mlle. Florence Sage Concert Co. gave a performance at the Auditorium Tuesday evening to a large crowd. The principal feature of the program was the rendition of classical music which was highly appreciated by the musically inclined.
For Sale,-80 acres, three miles north of Hondo, 35 acres in cultivation, 20 acres more can be cultivated. Price \$40.00 per acre, \$2,000.00 cash, balance on terms to suit purchaser at 8 per cent interest. Apply to Ben Taylor, Hondo, Texas. 4t.
Clarence Hudspeth returned Tuesday from the A. & M. College where he is attending school. The College Mess Hall was recently destroyed by fire and the school was dismissed until other arrangements could be made for the accommodation of the cadets.
Miss Hallie Walker of Huntington Beach, California, visited relatives here during the week. Miss Walker is a grand-daughter of Rev. D. W. Bennett and a niece of Mesdames, T. McClaugherty and E. G. Garwood. She will go from here to Seguin to visit other relatives.
Wanted,-To hire one hundred drivers with 4-horse teams with harness and double-trees, to do scraper work. Also a few four-horse teams for freighting. Six dollars per day will be paid for man and team. Apply to Roach, Stansell & Crane, Contractors, Lacoste, Texas.
There was work in the third degree both at the regular meeting Saturday night and a call meeting of the local Masonic Lodge Monday night. After the raising of two Fellow Crafts Monday night, the members of the lodge and visitors present enjoyed a delicious luncheon of barbecued goat, pickles, bread and coffee.
District Attorney L. J. Brucks and County Attorney R. J. Noonan have formed a partnership for the practice of law. They will maintain their office at the courthouse, and solicit the patronage of their friends and the public generally in all matters pertaining to civil practice in any court in Texas. 16-4t.
The Lyric Theatre closed with last Saturday night's performance and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Osborn and children left Wednesday for Corpus Christi where Mr. Osborn will re-embark in the job printing business. We regret the closing of the theatre as well as the departure of Mr. Osborn from our little city, and we wish him success in his new field of labor.

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Is Like a Dead Dog-
The BARK is all OFF!
You'll Find No Bark
On our Lumber
Although we do a
Good Deal of Barking
about it. We have the stock
and feel justified
In the Barking!
When you want
THE BEST LUMBER
Bark Up This Tree
and you will find it!
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One is the fare of Bill, the other a bill of fare!
COME
and look over our bill of fare before arranging yours!
You'll Like Our Meats
Most tender our chops, our steaks are rare.
Excellent our hams, salt meats the same.
All cuts prepared with greatest care-
To serve and to please you, our aim!
E. H. Schweers
Col. W. B. Odom and Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Thomas and Master Robert and Wesley McClaugherty made a pleasure trip to Batesville, Saturday, returning Sunday, in the Colonel's auto. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Klein while in that city.

WARM UP!
To Our Fall and Winter Stock of Merchandise
WE have a complete and well selected stock of the very best the market affords which we are selling at the lowest possible prices consistent with a legitimate profit.
REMEMBER that we carry a full and complete stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries that are absolutely fresh and pure. We also handle a nice stock of Furniture and Farming Implements. Free and prompt delivery. Give us a call.
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Fresh fruits of all kinds in season.
F. A. Heyen.

The Henny Buggy has no superior.
E. R. Leinweber.

A protracted meeting is in progress
at the Baptist Church.

A teachers' examination is in progress
at the courthouse.

Discard that wornout rig and get a
new turnout at E. R. Leinweber's.

Mrs. D. Polk and Mrs. Ward of
D'Hanis were shopping in town Tuesday.

A \$375 piano in good condition will
be sacrificed for \$100. Call at this
office for particulars.

For Sale.-A half block in the Moeur
Addition to Hondo for \$850.00 on easy
terms. Hondo Land Co.

For sale, a second hand sewing
machine, as good as new, for twelve
dollars. Apply at this office.

Mrs. Adam Droiteourt and daughter,
Miss Olga, were here the first of the
week visiting J. J. Droiteourt and
family.

Fresh fish and oysters every Friday
at Bud Knowles' restaurant. Oysters
15c per dozen raw; 20c per dozen fried.
Fish 15c per pound.

Mrs. Willie Metzger and children left
the first of the week for their home at
Guffy after having spent some weeks
here visiting relatives.

Prof. W. N. Saathoff returned Sunday
from his visit to Houston and reports
having spent a most enjoyable
time at the Educational Congress there
last week.

The following parties are entitled
to cast votes in our piano contest as
follows: H. S. Kirby, 100 votes; T.
H. Ward, Dilley, 250 votes; F. J. Carle,
D'Hanis, 150 votes.

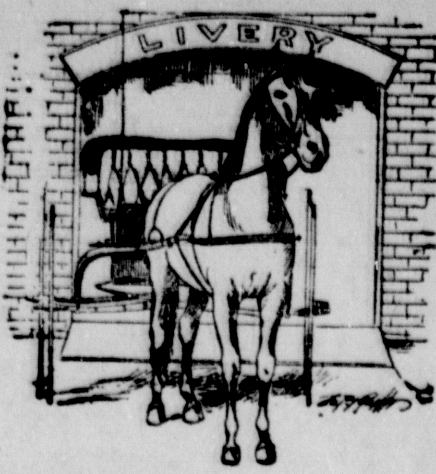
J. W. Heath and Goo. Carle have
traded places and the Heath family
moved to the Carle place on the Yancey
road and the Carle family moved to the
Heath place in town Monday.

J. G. Heyen left Monday for Waco
where he is attending the meeting of
the State Grand Lodge of Masons in
session there this week. Mr. Heyen
as Worshipful Master of this lodge is
representing Hondo in the meeting.

J. B. Lutz was a pleasant caller at
this office Tuesday and left us a nice
mess of sausage for which the hungry
editor was duly thankful. He also
gave us several copies of early issues
of the Herald of which we shall make
more extended mention later.

The progressive firm of Schmitt &
Steinhardt is always making improve-
ments to keep abreast of the times.
The latest thing in this line is the in-
stallation of some of the latest and
most approved show cases for display-
ing their clothing. There is nothing
else like them outside of the large city
clothing houses, and they must be seen
to be fully appreciated.

The sad news was received here
Thursday announcing that Mrs. Alex
Jungmann had died at 9 o'clock that
morning in a hospital in San Antonio
following an operation. Mrs. Jung-
man was formerly Miss Katie Mechler
of this place, a daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Joe Mechler, and was married to
Mr. Jungmann a little over three years
ago. Besides her husband she is sur-
vived by two small children. The re-
mains were laid to rest at Lacoste yester-
day afternoon at 3 o'clock. Messrs.
Alfred and John Mechler and families,
Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Jungman, P. Jung-
man and Mrs. Ed de Montel attended the
funeral.



Did You See
that rig the oth-
er day? There
is one here for
you. Ring 37
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WHEELWRIGHT
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Co., showing surveys, etc., for sale.

Our Dry Goods department is com-
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making your purchases. Heyen & Co.

To The Public.-Having purchased
the Brown-Henderson restaurant, I
will continue to conduct the same at
the old stand south of the depot. A
nice, clean orderly eating place will be
run, and short orders will be furnished
at any hour at a reasonable price.
Fish and oysters always on hand. Give
me a call. F. W. Stich. tf.

The ladies' Forty-two Club was en-
tertained at the home of Mrs. A. G.
Walker on Friday. The hostesses were
Mesdames L. E. Heath and A. G.
Walker. Twelve games of "Forty-two"
were played, Mrs. L. J. Brucks win-
ning first prize and Mrs. L. E. Heath
the consolation. After the games the
hostesses served hot chocolate and de-
licious cake.

The regular meeting of the Hondo
Mothers' Club will be held at the high
school building on Monday afternoon,
Dec. 11th. Dr. W. H. Smith will ad-
dress the Club on "Sanitation in the
School Room", and Prof. W. N. Saath-
off on "The Needs of Higher Educa-
tion." There is a treat in store for all
who attend this meeting. Members
will respond to roll call with quotations
on Education.

A Card of Thanks.

To our friends who administered to
the comfort of our precious child during
her last illness and who gave loving
sympathy and shed the tears of grief
with us in our dark hour of sorrow
when our Lilla was laid to rest in your
silent city of the dead, we extend our
heart felt gratitude and loving thanks,
assuring you that words can not ex-
press our feelings.

We shall always cherish the memory
of those who visited her and in any
material way sought to add to her
comfort, who brought the beautiful
flowers to brighten her room and spoke
words of cheer while she still lingered
with us. We realized, we were not
among strangers, but in the midst of
old friends who immediately came to
our relief and did all they could for our
comfort.

Especially would we remember Mr.
and Mrs. Joe Ney who remembered us
almost daily and were so untiring in
their efforts to assist us. The physi-
cians who used every means to alleviate
the suffering and stay the hand of dis-
ease. The Ministers who visited her
and joined us in our petitions to our
heavenly Father, and even while her
feet were touching the brink spoke
words of comfort and consolation. The
fragrance of all these Christian deeds
and the beautiful floral emblems, will
ever linger with us, and their incense
will rise to a throne of grace, where we
ask to be remembered by you all, and
where our precious one now awaits us.
Gratefully,
E. S. Adair and family.

The vehicle built for service-Henny
Hacks and buggies. E. R. Leinweber.

Cotton shipments have reached 4027
bales for the season from this place.

Grandpa Dowdy is here to spend the
winter with his son, J. N. Dowdy and
family.

T. J. Sauter and J. M. Koch were
here Wednesday from D'Hanis on
business.

Make your wife happy with a Henny
buggy for a Christmas present. E. R.
Leinweber.

Mrs. L. E. Heath will entertain the
"Rook Club" next Tuesday afternoon
at 3 o'clock.

The best is the cheapest in the long
run. That is the Henny buggy. E. R.
Leinweber.

The ladies of the Methodist Church
are conducting a Bazaar in the Rey-
nolds building.

Mr. and Mrs. And. Spratt and Mr.
and Mrs. Scheile were down from
Tarpley Tuesday.

All of the accessories for your holi-
day baking can be found in our grocery
department. Heyen & Co.

As we went to press the good roads
meeting was being held at the court-
house. We regret that we were un-
able to be present.

The best materials and the most
skilful of workmanship combine to
make the Henny buggy the best on the
market. E. R. Leinweber.

If you know a deserving young man
who wants to attend a business college
tell him about our free scholarship
offer published elsewhere in this paper.

THE PIANO CONTEST.

Below we give the result of
the third count of the votes in
our piano contest. The count
was made Thursday evening af-
ter the close of business and is
as follows:

Emilie Leinweber, Hondo	17,855
Vera Jones, Hondo	7915
Jessie Laughinghouse	6735
Selma Mueller, D'Hanis	3550
Hulda Wurzbach, Riomedina	1560
Ida Tondre, Castroville	1530
Della Oefinger, Dunlay	1060
Hulda Muennink, N. Fountaip	870
Frieda Poerner, Devine	760
Dorothy Metzger, Hondo	760
Mabel Hollaway	760
Marie Filleman	750
Lela Hurt, Hondo	750
Clara Lebold, Dunlay	710
Mattie Brieden, Hondo	610
Cecilia Weynand	610
Lola Mask	610
Minnie Balzen, Dunlay	610
Emma Nietenhoefer, Dunlay	610
Annie Schott	610
Augusta Neumann, Hondo	610
Pauline Hornung, Hondo	600
Lena Marquis, Tarpley	600
Belle Hancock, Hondo	560
Frances Schmitt, Castroville	510
Meta Bippert	510
Oiga Droiteourt	510
Pauline Vollmer	510
Alice Biediger	510
Pauline Mangold, Tarpley	510
Meda Boehme, Riomedina	500
Nora Rihn, Castroville	500
Regina Mangold, Lacoste	500
Annie Burgin, Yancey	500

Where To Get Tickets.

The following firms are giving tick-
ets in the Anvil Herald's piano contest
on the basis of 100 votes for each dol-
lar cash purchase. Don't ask for tick-
ets on time purchases.

C. J. BLESS,
General Merchandise
HONDO MERCANTILE CO.,
General Merchandise
HEYEN & CO.,
General Merchandise
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C. R. GAINES,
Hardware
F. A. HEYEN,
Confectioner
W. E. CLARK,
Photographer

Be sure to ask for tickets when trad-
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this office and vote them for the young
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Mention the Anvil Herald to our
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Cedar Growth Whiskey Blends
Royal Crown Whiskey Form-
erly \$1
per bot-
tle now

75

Zinfandel California Form-
SOUR WINE erly \$1.00
per gal.
now...

75

Rodier Seedless Quart Bottles
CHERRIES Formerly \$1,
now

75

A few Cigars left at only
Two for

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HONDO, TEXAS

Notice.

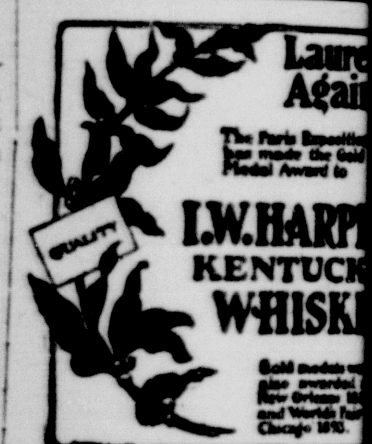
Regular meeting of the Sons of Her-
man, Hondo Lodge No. 236 O. D. H.
S., will be held Sunday, Dec. 10th, at
which meeting the election of officers
for the ensuing year will be held.

JOE FOHN, Pres.

Mrs. Ed H. Schweers and little
daughter visited D'Hanis Thursday.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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cures diabetes, weak and lame backs,
rheumatism, and all irregularities of
the kidneys and bladder in both men
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gist, will be sent by mail on receipt of
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winter. No exceptions can be made
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trespassing or disturbing and
stock, will be prosecuted according
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especially, you desire to buy real
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a joy in itself.

No matter what you want to
spend, no matter who the present
is for, you will find our store the
ideal place to purchase it.

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Lacoste Laconics.

BY BLUE BELLE

ED. ANVIL HERALD:

LaCoste Mercantile Co. shipped a carload of pecans to Chicago, Ill., the fore part of the week.

A large crowd from here attended the Thanksgiving eve dance at Castroville Wednesday night and reported a most enjoyable time.

Miss Meda Bippert of the Sauz was shopping in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Alex Jungmann was taken to San Antonio Monday last where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. At last report she was getting along as well as could be expected. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Assistant postmaster Pingnot of Castroville is relieving Postmaster Jungmann who is staying with his sick wife in San Antonio this week.

Mrs. Louisa Biediger of Spindletop was called to the bed-side of her sister, Mrs. Lutz, at D'Hanis who is very ill. Wm. F. S. Fields of MacDona was a business caller here Thursday.

Mac Luckie of MacDona was a pleasant caller here Thanksgiving. Miss Ida Reichertzer and Miss Colquitt of San Antonio were in Castroville to attend the dance and spend Thanksgiving with relatives here.

Messrs. Matt. Keller and L. F. Price were here on business Thursday.

Miss Lucile Koontz, who is attending school at San Antonio, Miss Morine Scherrer and Miss Sarah Corley, all of San Antonio, spent Thanksgiving with Dr. L. A. Koontz and family.

Pete Jungmann, Sr., of Castroville was seen on our streets Friday.

Adolph Hitzfelder and family spent a few days in the Alamo City this week. C. M. Kruize made a business trip to San Antonio Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Hawkes and daughter visited at Cline during the week.

C. Kraft of Converse was here Saturday on business.

Ferdinand Kilhorn and family of Hondo spent the day Sunday with Gus A. Keller and family.

Miss Nora Loessberg of San Antonio spent Sunday with home-folks here.

Alfred Mangold and sisters, Misses Regina and Elenore, visited Misses Mary and Minnie and Emil Ullmann near Lytle.

George Hawkes of San Antonio visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

Miss Emma Sauer of Brackettville spent the week with her aunt, Mrs. Conrad Loessberg.

Arthur Braden of San Antonio spent a few days with his friend, W. A. Reichertzer.

Mrs. Minehard and daughters of the Alamo City spent a few days last week with Mrs. Wm. Jungmann.

Mrs. F. T. Lester and children left on a month's visit to her mother at East Bernard.

Messrs. Hy. Haas and Ferdinand Ahr were Alamo City visitors Monday.

Ferdinand Kilhorn, Sr., and Otto Naegelin of Castroville are doing some

tin work for Mrs. Lina Reichertzer.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Luckenbach was baptized at their home in LaCoste. The sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bippert.

Sheriff Bader of Hondo was here on business Tuesday. Dec. 5, 1911. Crowded out of last issue.—Ed.

Misses Fanny and Charlottie Mueller of Rabbit Ranch spent one day last week with Mrs. M. A. Kaufmann at Idlewild.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Mangold, Mrs. M. A. Kaufmann and daughter Ida, Mr. Hy. Kaufmann and Adolph Reymann and family were business visitors in the Alamo City a few days this week.

Mr. E. J. Balmos of Devine was here on usual business Tuesday.

Messrs. Andrew Blatz and Wm. Bowman of Devine were business visitors here this week.

Mrs. F. L. Mitchell and mother-in-law of Castroville were pleasant callers here one day this week.

LaCoste Merc. Co. shipped a carload of pecans to St. Louis Wednesday.

Mrs. Mat. Jungmann and daughter, Miss Mamie, of Potranco were shopping in town Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Carle of D'Hanis spent the week with Mrs. Emil Schmidt here.

A large crowd from here attended the entertainment at Castroville Friday night and reported it being a success. Lack of space prevents me mentioning all at present.

Miss Louisa Haass of Chicon spent the day Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Conrad Loessberg.

Mrs. Emil Schmidt is on the sick list this week.

Joe Droitcourt and family spent the day Sunday with Wm. Biediger and family at Spindletop.

Mr. Fred Biediger of Spindletop accepted a position as assistant bartender at C. Loessberg's saloon.

Misses Hilda and Nora Rihn of Spindletop attended church here Sunday.

A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. C. Kruize Sunday in singing and playing games of all kinds, the occasion being that he and family will move away. All kinds of refreshments were served during the evening. Those present were: Misses Mary and Minnie Ullmann, Augusta Wanure, Lina and Emma Real, Regina Mangold, Messrs. Emil Ullmann, Ernst Beard, Ubern Thieppinn, Anton Mann, Ernst Wanure and Alfred Mangold. All present reported a most enjoyable time. Mr. Kruize and family will move to Floresville Tuesday where they in future will reside. Lacoste's loss is Floresville's gain.

Mr. John Spencer went to see his best at Devine Sunday.

Mr. Fred Ford visited in the Alamo City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Mangold paid a visit to relatives at Idlewild Sunday afternoon.

Lacoste, Dec. 12, 1911.

Yancey News.

BY REPORTER

Editor Anvil Herald:

It has been some time since Yancey has contributed to your columns.

After a severe cold spell we are again having pleasant weather. Farmers have commenced breaking their land, while some are not through picking the full crop which proves to be very good; in fact, some fields turn out a better fall than summer crop. Pickers are getting from sixty-five cents to one dollar per hundred.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Burgin and Joe Burgin accompanied Mrs. J. D. Burgin's mother home to Uvalde last Sunday, returning Thursday. While at Uvalde Joe was fortunate in killing a buck.

On Thanksgiving day, the relatives of Mr. J. E. Burgin Sr. assembled at his home to give him a surprise on his 61st birthday. Every family represented brought cake, pies, chicken, turkey, salads and other good things to eat, there being enough for dinner and supper for a crowd of forty persons. The afternoon was spent in playing out-of-door games in which old and young partook.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burgin, Mr. and Mrs. Bandy and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burgin and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Burgin spent the day with H. N. Burgin and family.

Mr. E. G. Garwood arrived at Yancey today and in company with Mr. John Nixon and others are enjoying a hunt in the Seco neighborhood.

Mr. Jacob Fohn passed through Yancey Monday on a several days hunt near the Blackaller ranch.

Mr. Henry Kueck returned today (Wednesday) from a pleasure trip to San Antonio and other points.

Elder H. S. Ball was called to Zigzag yesterday to preach the funeral sermon of a little child, a daughter of Lee Carroll and wife. J. D. Burgin accompanied him on his trip.

John McCaughn was shopping in Yancey today.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Harrell visited relatives near Devine on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. William McClaugherty and family, Mrs. Brown, and Dr. and Mrs. Liles spent Thanksgiving day at Mr. R. D. Johnson's near Live Oak Slough. While returning home the front axle of Dr. Liles automobile broke throwing Mrs. Liles out. She received several painful bruises and was confined to her bed for several days, but we are glad to report that she is able to walk about again.

Mrs. N. F. Berry was shopping in Yancey Tuesday evening.

Mr. J. G. Newton of Hondo was here on business yesterday.

Yancey, Dec. 6, 1911.

(We are glad to welcome reporter. Please come often—and early in the week.—Ed.)

Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave to-day," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, its most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by W. H. Windrow.

Strive Always for Higher Things. Sad will be the day for any man when he becomes contented with the thoughts he is thinking and the deeds he is doing—when there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger which he knows that he was meant and made to do.—Phillips Brooks.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold-sores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of Burns, Boils, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Bruises, Eczema and Sprains. Only 25c at W. H. Windrow's.

Peculiar Appeal.

There is a peculiar loveliness in the cheerfulness of sick people. It is unexpected—like the bit of green in the desert. It gains by contrast. It is the flower of the spirit produced in a wilderness.—J. Edward Harlow.

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The Alarm Clock.

The devil was asleep when man was made, but he awoke before woman was completed.—Life.

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Will Test Lands of Medina Company

The worth of the lands of the Medina Irrigation company for alfalfa raising is to be thoroughly investigated this week by one of the most competent alfalfa experts in Texas. On invitation of the company, Col. R. E. Smith of Sherman agricultural experiment station and familiarly known as the alfalfa king of the state, has come to San Antonio to test the Medina lands.

It is the aim of the Medina interests to ascertain definitely what the most productive crops for their lands are before settling them, and as alfalfa is a most profitable crop, its possibilities in this vicinity will be fully investigated. Accompanied by A. Y. Walton Jr., Colonel Smith will visit the property tomorrow and will probably remain in this vicinity the remainder of the week.—Tuesday's Light.

This was crowded out of last issue after being in type. We later noted that Mr. Smith has pronounced the lands splendidly adapted to alfalfa. Ed.

Lightning Kills Few.

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach trouble is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at W. H. Windrow's.

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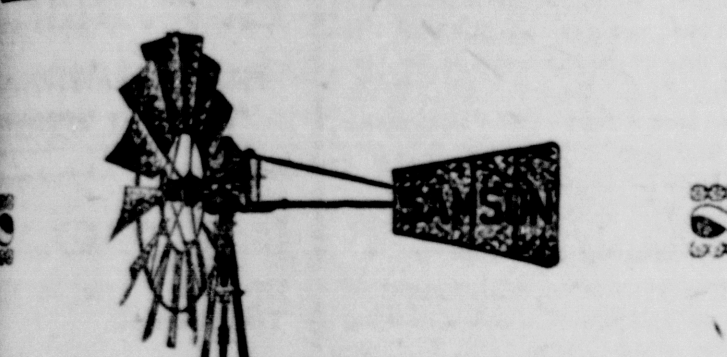
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who is authorized to collect and receipt for money due this paper and to whom items intended for this page should be submitted.—Editor.

NOTICE Mr. Huehner is unavoidably absent from the city, and during his absence parties having business with this paper are requested to see Mr. Louis Scherrer at Courand's store.

HABY-SEEKATZ.

The St. Louis Catholic church was handsomely decorated Tuesday morning, November 28th, 1911, with potted plants and ferns in honor of the wedding which took place at 9 o'clock. The contracting parties were Mr. Frank Haby and Miss Wallie Seekatz, both from very prominent families of this county, and the wedding was performed by Father Heckman, the ceremony being followed by nuptial High Mass.

The attendants were Mr. Ambrose Haby and Miss Elisabeth Seekatz, Mr. Jos. Sittre and Miss Alfrieda Boehme, Mr. Henry Boehme, and Miss Fannie Kilhorn.

BOHL-GERLOFF.

At the St. Louis Catholic church, on Thursday morning, November 30th, 1911, at 9 o'clock occurred the marriage of Mr. Louis Bohl and Miss Amalia Gerloff. Rev. A. Heckman officiating. This was followed by nuptial High Mass.

The attendants were Mr. Louis Gerloff and Miss Emma Bohl, Mr. Robert Tschirhart and Miss Lizzie Bohl.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Huehner went to San Antonio last Monday, where Mrs. Huehner underwent an operation. From last reports the operation was successful.

Frank Finger and Riley Carle of D'Hanis were here for the Thanksgiving eve dances.

Ben Bendele of Juno, was here the first of the week greeting his many friends.

Richard Birdwell, colored, disappeared last Monday and no trace has been found of him since, although searching parties have been out every day this week. He was last seen Monday evening going down Main street towards the bridge. Uncle Dick, as he was familiarly known, never knew his age, but we believe that he was near the century mark. It is surmised that he wandered into the brush or some ravine and froze to death as it was bitter cold that Monday night.

Commissioner Aug. Tschirhart authorizes us to say that all persons who want to be exempt from road duty must pay the sum of \$3.00 at once to the County Treasurer. He also wishes to notify all road overseers to work their respective roads according to law, that is their full three days, and make their reports to the Commissioner's Court not later than the second Monday in January 1911.

The Thanksgiving dances at Wermette's Opera House and Tschirhart's Pavilion, respectively, Wednesday night were greatly enjoyed. Good order prevailed throughout the night, and all who attended report a most enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Droicourt and little Madeline, of Hondo, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zimmerman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Biediger and children, and Edmund Zimmermann

of San Antonio, were here for the birthday celebrations last Sunday.

A fine birthday dinner was given at the home of Mr. F. J. Biediger, last Sunday, the occasion being the birthdays of Mrs. Biediger and sons Frank and Fred, and Frank Zimmerman.

Uncle Jos. Fost spent a couple of days with relatives at French Settlement this week.

Mrs. Henry App and son of San Antonio, is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Karm.

Oscar Droicourt who is attending school at Hondo, was here Thanksgiving and spent the day with his parents.

John Biry and son, Robert, and Wm. Biediger returned last Sunday, from a weeks hunt out west. They bagged two bucks and two Javelins.—Castroville Quill.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugen Bohl, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bohl, Mr. Louis Jungman and daughter, Miss Evelyn and Miss Alice Naegelin, all of Devine, were here for the funeral of Mrs. Alex Jungman, Friday.

Mr. Emil Jungman came out from San Antonio for the funeral Friday.

Mrs. Andrew Carle Sr. of San Antonio was the guest of Mesdames Jos. Carle Sr. and Seb. Marty one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rud. Ahr and daughter, Mabel, spent several days in the Alamo City this week.

Mrs. Louisa Wurzbach of Rio Medina is here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scherrer.

Miss Josie Reinhold of Cliff is spending several days in Castroville this week.

Miss Benett is the guest of Mesdames Joe and Willie Brieden this week.

Fritz Etter, the son of Mr. Aug. Etter, had the misfortune to fall a distance of 30 feet out of a Pecan tree last Friday and broke his leg and sprained his spine. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Mangold of Noonan are rejoicing over the safe arrival of a fine baby boy, born Sunday, Dec. 10, 1911.

Little Miss Florence Scherrer has been on the indisposed list this week.

The entertainment given by the young ladies of the Sadality was a grand success and very much enjoyed by all who attended. There was \$104 taken in at the door.

Mrs. Alex Jungman, who died in San Antonio, was brought to town Thursday and interred in the Catholic Cemetery Friday afternoon. It was one of the largest funerals ever seen here.

Mrs. Zitsellman of San Antonio was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huffmann this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Serephine Jungman, Mr. Pete Jungman and Mrs. Ed. de Montel came over from Hondo Friday for the funeral.

Miss Minnie Schreiber of D'Hanis is the guest of Miss Rosa Halbedier this week.

Miss Alma Katie and Hilda Wurzbach passed through here Friday on their way to Dunlay to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Steinele.

Mrs. Ed. Hans was an Alamo City visitor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tschirhart visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bippert at Rio Medina.

Castroville, Dec. 12, 1911.

D'HANIS DOINGS.

Items of Interest Culled or Condensed from The D'Hanis News.

On Saturday last, Mr. Ernest Brotze and the Editor made a business trip to Utopia. On their return on Sunday they ran into a fine buck in Mr. Jacob Reinhardt's pasture which Mr. Brotze succeeded in bagging. The buck had 8 points and when dressed weighed 123 pounds.

Mr. Joe Langfeld made a business trip to Knippa Sunday last.

Messrs. Thomas E. Hennessy of St. Louis, Mo., and Otto Zinsmeyer of San Antonio are enjoying an outing in this vicinity. These gentlemen are the brother-in-law and brother of Judge Zinsmeyer of D'Hanis.

County Sup't of Schools W. N. Saathoff, paid a welcome visit to the D'Hanis High School. His visit was much appreciated by both teachers and scholars.

Miss Mabel Ford of the Longview School and Miss Dona Alexander of Sabinal were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Roller on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Boog were Sabinal visitors last Thursday.

Mr. Virgil Johnson the well known stockman and farmer, accompanied by Mr. Louis Carle, went to San Antonio on Sunday night, to obtain medical treatment. Mr. Carle returned Monday night and says that the attending physician reports that Mr. Johnson's condition is not serious.

Mr. Robert Reynolds of Marathon, Texas, was in town on Saturday on a business trip.

Miss Etta Deckert of Sabinal came in last Wednesday on a visit to home-folks and took in the dance Wednesday night, she returned Friday.

Mr. Joe Biry of Castroville was here last week on a visit to relatives and friends.

Misses Theresa, Selma and Sophia Koch spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Hondo.

Mr. H. H. Heyen representing the Landa Flour Mill of New Braunfels was in town last Monday on business for his firm.

Mrs. Dr. W. H. Smith and little boy accompanied the Doctor to D'Hanis on Tuesday last on his regular semi-weekly visit.

Mrs. Joe Lutz the mother-in-law of Mr. Joe Lutz is reported quite ill at her residence. Dr. Bradley of Hondo is in attendance.

Mr. Chris Batot is also confined to his bed. He is suffering with an attack of rheumatism.

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Business Forms.

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The dedication services of the Lutheran church will take place at the new building tomorrow at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Prof. Lee Clark, agent for the Conference of Education, will be here next week to address the Teachers' Institute.

We are in receipt of a pass and an invitation to attend the Brownsville Mid-Winter Fair January 8th to 17th inclusive.

Miss Nora Rihn of Castroville spent the week here visiting her sister, Mrs. Ambrose Zimmermann. She returned home yesterday.

Misses Emilie, Ida and Amanda Reitzer were here yesterday from Yancey shopping. While here they paid this office a pleasant call.

The dedication services will take place at the New Lutheran Church tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m. Rev. F. Gerstmann of Meyersville will preach the dedication sermon at that hour. In the afternoon, at 2:30, the first Missionary service will be held in the new edifice and Rev. Gerstmann will again preach the sermon.

Tax Assessor H. B. Taylor left Monday for Austin to attend the sixth annual convention of the state organization of Assessors. He was on the program for an address on the subject: "Desirable Reforms in the Methods of Speculators".

Fritz Rothe, Aug. Rothe, Aug. Brown, C. F. Luckenbach and Peter Koch, Jr., were here Tuesday attending a meeting of the Directors of the Seco Pressed Brick Co. They report that the plant would begin to turn out brick within the next three weeks.

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Parsons was the scene of a pleasant social gathering of Hondo's young society people last Saturday evening.

"A Wife Wanted".

Pixley & Lauder will present the musical comedy success, "A Wife Wanted", at the Auditorium tonight.

Following is the cast of characters and the program:

Uncle Porter.....An Easy Mark
Benj. B. Bernard
Charley Pointer.....Uncle's Nephew
Leo H. Valery
Dr. Harry Merry.....Charley's Friend
Will E. Worden
Get Swift.....Messenger Boy
Harry Davenport
Effie Merry.....Doctor's Wife
Frances E. Holman
Amy.....Effie's Sister
Minyon Valerette
Tiny.....The Maid
Nona Irene Russell
Location.....Near New York City
Time.....Present
Hours of Action.....Twenty-eight
Temperature.....115 in the Shade

ACT I.
Morning First Day, Hot, "Borrowing a Wife."
ACT II.
Next Morning, Raining, "Nothing to Nurse."
ACT III.
Same Day, "Hot," "Hotter," "Hotter"

The Anvil Herald does job printing. Call at this office and let us show you how to get a business education cheap. All of the accessories for your holiday baking can be found in our grocery department. Heyen & Co.

County Surveyor Henry V. Haass and his son, H. V. Jr., passed through town Wednesday en route to the northwestern part of the county to do some surveying.

There is a chance for some young man to secure a San Antonio business college scholarship almost for the asking. Read our "Something for the Boys" elsewhere.

Ed Ernest and Allen Graham returned Wednesday from Marathon where they had been with a party from Ft. Worth on a deer hunt. The party succeeded in bagging two deer.

Owing to the small attendance at the meeting of the Royal Neighbors last Tuesday afternoon, the election of officers was postponed until the afternoon of the last Friday in December.

For Sale, A 520 acre farm eight miles south of Hondo, 50 acres in cultivation, 190 more can be cultivated, four room house, two wells, windmill, barn and tenant house. Soil is black sandy. Price \$12.00 per acre, half cash and balance in one and two years at 8 per cent interest. Apply to either member of the Hondo Land Co.

Back From Germany.

R. E. Bohmfalk and sisters, Mrs. Henry Fessler and Mrs. D. W. Wiemers, returned Tuesday from their trip to Germany. They were accompanied home by their niece, Miss Marie Siefken, who will make her future home in this country.

The party left here for Germany on the 23rd day of September and reached their journey's end at Ostfriesland, Germany, after twelve days travel. This was their first trip home since leaving the Fatherland twenty-seven years ago, and they noted many changes. Their aged father has grown so nearly blind as to be unable to recognize them by sight.

After spending five weeks with their relatives, the home journey was begun on Nov. 16th when they set sail at Bremen. While off the coast of Newfoundland, the day before Thanksgiving, a severe storm was encountered and a Mrs. Rose of San Antonio was thrown down by the rolling of the ship and received painful injuries to her arm and side. This was the only mishap of the voyage.

They arrived at Philadelphia on Dec. 1st and stopped there until 4 o'clock p. m. Sunday, the 3rd, when they left for Galveston, arriving there at 9 o'clock a. m. of the 9th. After some delay on account of irregular trains, they reached home Tuesday and the long journey was done.

Mr. Bohmfalk reports a most enjoyable time and only regrets that he could not stay longer.

Hermann Sons Meeting.

The local lodge of Sons of Hermann held its regular meeting in the lodge room Sunday afternoon, at which time the annual election of officers took place.

The following officers were elected: Joseph Pohn, president; Felix Batot, vice-president; August Schuehle, ex-president; J. M. Finger, secretary; J. J. Droicourt, treasurer; F. Kilhorn, Jr., watchman; Leo Batot, conductor; Joe Huesser, Toby Koch and O. H. Miller, trustees; Fritz Wohlschlegel, Matt. Rath and Ambrose Zimmermann, finance committee.

One new member, John Neumann, was initiated.

The lodge will give an "Abenunderhaltung" Sunday night, December 31st. On account of the absence of the official "keg-tapper" and chef, the delicious solid and liquid repast was very conspicuous by its absence, which was regretted by all present—and especially by—
DER STIEF-BRUDER.

Mothers' Club Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hondo Mothers' Club was held at the High School building on Monday afternoon.

After roll-call, to which the members responded with quotations on Education, Prof. T. C. Hickman introduced Prof. W. N. Saathoff who addressed the Club in his usual happy manner on "The Needs of Higher Education."

Mrs. Geo. W. Jones then introduced Dr. W. H. Smith who read a very able paper on "School Hygiene."

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of 48.49 in the treasury and it was decided to spend this for supplementary reading for the 10th grade.

The Club will entertain the visiting teachers next Wednesday evening in the Armstrong Hotel parlors.

Married.

Mr. J. Buford Hurt and Miss Cora E. McVea were married at the home of Mrs. H. H. Boone Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, December 11, 1911. Rev. F. G. Moses performed the service.

Mr. Hurt is the popular manager of the local exchange for the Southwestern Telephone Co., and his bride is a trained nurse who came here several months ago from Waelder in her professional capacity.

The Anvil Herald extends congratulations and best wishes to the happy pair.

Died.

Mr. John Nietenhoefer, aged about 80 years, died suddenly at his home in Quibi about 4 o'clock p. m., Thursday, Dec. 14, 1911. His remains were buried at the Quibi Lutheran cemetery yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. A. Falkenberg conducted the funeral services.

Deceased leaves a wife, one son and two daughters, and a brother and sister to mourn his demise.

We join in the sympathy for the bereaved ones.

Share-Holder's Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the share-holders of the First National Bank of Hondo, Texas, will be held at its banking house on the second Tuesday in January, the same being the 9th day of January 1912, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Geo. W. Jones, President,
J. M. Finger, Cashier.

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Knows a Good Thing.

Mr. R. T. Moore will eat his Thanksgiving turkey with kindred at Fayetteville and on next Tuesday will start for Hondo, Texas, where he contemplates spending the winter months for the benefit of his health. Anticipating his departure for the "Lone Star State" Brother Moore stepped into The Guardian office last Monday and subscribed for the paper, at the same time ordering that it be sent to him during his stay in Texas. Mr. Moore knows a good thing when he sees it; hence he cheerfully plunked over the coin that he might have the satisfaction and pleasure of reading the great and good Guardian while far away sniffing the fragrant breezes wafted from the magnolia groves along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico. We join Mr. Moore's friends in hoping that with the aid of the great and good Guardian and the salubrious climate, that he may return home fully restored to health.—The Tullahoma Guardian.

Mr. Moore arrived here Saturday evening "right side up with care." His friends are all glad to see him back.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering in through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Wedding at Mico.

The first wedding in the little city of Mico was solemnized Sunday evening Dec. 10th, when Judge J. H. Fletcher united Juan Alvarado and Gregoria Reyes in the holy bonds of wedlock.

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A business college scholarship for sale cheap at this office.

Notice.
No hunting allowed in our park with dogs or guns.
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The Holiday Spirit now pervades everything--you breathe it in the air and feel it in every emotion of your being. "What can I give to make others most happy?" is the question uppermost in every one's mind. Here is where we serve you. No where is the Holiday Spirit more manifest than in our store, where we have on display a magnificent array of holiday goods that embraces every thing from the simplest toy for the tiny tot to the more pretentious gift for the husband, wife or sweetheart.



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Elegantly finished toilet essentials that charm by their beauty and impress by their practical utility. We have manicure sets, shaving sets, and toilet sets, receptacles for powders, perfumes, soaps, lotions, etc., any of which will most surely please the recipients and cannot help being appreciated as a gift long to be cherished.



Reflecting---

that now is the season of social festivities and entertaining it will occur to you that personal adornment is in order as well as choosing gifts. You won't have to reflect long on where to purchase the most up-to-date designs in cut glass, silverware, jewelry or novelties because this store is the leading one in this line that stands for everything that is rich and handsome.



Jewelry Gifts---

Those that exhibit the highest artistic attainments of the jeweler's art. They can be seen and selected at our store where after months of painstaking preparation we have made ready the most superb collection of jewelry ever offered for the Holiday season. Matchless for gifts and offerings, any article in our store is sure to be appreciated.

Remember we have a large stock of Toys, Fireworks, Novelties, etc., for the children as well as the more valuable gift articles. Bring the children to see our stock and come and make your purchases before the final rush is on.

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Santa Claus' Headquarters

Cousin Mack

Mrs. Gregg, who cultivated a breezy, off-hand manner, had talked, from the day of her arrival at her sister's home, of the necessity of her calling upon her husband's cousin, Collie Mack.

So she, with a party of four or five of her relatives in various degrees, turned the headlights of their automobile toward the exclusive village, or suburb, in which she felt convinced she would find Collie Mack.

She was still in the seventh heaven of self-righteousness when she was rudely recalled by the mundane curiosity of the driver, who requested the street and number of her cousin.

"Oh," she replied, airily, "it's with some doctor, on Oak avenue, about two blocks from the car line." Then she settled back to her fancies once more.

The driver scowled and turned the car around. He drove slowly up and down Oak avenue, scanning the houses on both sides of the street within a radius of two blocks of every car track, but to no effect. Finally he gave it up.

"Well, it ain't here," he remarked witheringly.

"Why, perhaps it isn't," genially responded Mrs. Gregg. "I forgot that it must have been fifteen or twenty years ago that he lived here. On, and besides, it was his sister who lived with the doctor, and she was a trained nurse, so it might have been that she just had a case there. I don't suppose Collie Mack lived there at all. Wasn't that funny?"

She thought a moment. "Haven't you people some idea of where to look?" she asked, glancing about expectantly.

"We might look in the city directory," volunteered her sister.

So the whole party got out at the nearest drug store and pored over the list of Macks.

"There's no Collie Mack here, that's sure," asserted a mutineer.

"Oh, but that's just a nickname," explained Mrs. Gregg. "I really don't know just what his name is. It begins with M or H, or perhaps it was W. I can't remember."

"Oh, what's the use, anyway?" a nephew exclaimed disgustedly. "You don't know him and he doesn't know you, and what'll you miss if you don't see him?"

Mrs. Gregg looked at him reproachfully and said nothing.

"Here it is," cried her brother-in-law, excitedly. "Here's Martin Henry Worthington Mack! That's all the initials. They probably called him Collie because he'd take a whole column."

They excitedly viewed the name in turn. Mrs. Gregg smiled in conscious superiority. "Yes, of course, that's it," she exclaimed. "My mind rarely fails to recall names."

So they climbed back into the car and broke the speed regulations getting to the address for fear Collie Mack might get away.

At the door Mrs. Gregg took the lead. She shook hands with the young girl who opened the door, exclaiming delightedly: "Well, well! I'm Mrs. Gregg, and these are my sisters and my brother-in-law and my baby and a nephew. Is your father at home?"

Without waiting for a reply from the stunned girl, she made for the stairs, followed by her train of relatives.

"I never dreamed that he was married!" she exclaimed to the little woman, who in a dazed way offered them chairs. "And this big girl is your daughter! Well, well!" And she smiled with a friendly warmth which brought no response from the hostess.

Suddenly the door opened and a large Scotchman stood in it a moment while he viewed his callers.

"I'm so glad to know you!" exclaimed Mrs. Gregg as she hastened to greet him. And before she knew it she gave him a warm, cousinly kiss.

"My husband, Dr. Gregg, has spoken so much of you that I know you as well as if I had always known you personally," declared Mrs. Gregg. "Why didn't you let us know that you were married? Oh, pardon me, I forgot to introduce you." And she turned to beam on her own party.

The host wore a pained and startled expression, but he bowed gravely. Mrs. Mack seemed to have been turned to stone.

"How nice it is to meet relatives! Do sit down by me here and let us talk over old times!" Mrs. Gregg smiled bewitchingly up at the Scotchman. "You know Catherine stayed with us for some months, and I grew to think so much of her. It was on account of her that I was simply wild to meet you. Where is she now?"

The face of the Scotchman was full of amazement. Mrs. Mack's eyes were fastened upon her husband in horror.

Suddenly Mrs. Gregg's soaring spirits came down to earth. She looked searchingly at her new cousin. She also observed the wife's wordless accusations.

"Why—why—" she began. "Isn't Catherine your sister? Don't you remember Dr. Gregg? I—I think we've made some mistake." Then she looked reproachfully at her brother-in-law.

"I'm sorry to have troubled you," she added, "and I believe we'd better go now."

She arose and led a dignified retreat. Mrs. Mack leaned over the railing and gazed down suspiciously as her husband opened the door for the visitors.

Riding An Auto—And Pegasus!

I made up my mind, long last spring, To purchase an auto was the proper thing.

My neighbors have them and go whizzing by, Throwing dust in the faces and in my eye.

Said I, to myself, I've as much right as they

To enjoy myself about the same way.

So I hitched up, and into town I went, Looking over the different kinds, the day I spent.

I finally decided on a neat little car, The neatest and nicest I had seen, by far.

The agent said: "There's nothing shoddy,

From the small cotter pin to the touring car body."

And stepping up he took off the hood And explained in terms that I understood,

About the crank-shaft running through, Which the four pistons are fastened to;

All made of the finest Vanadium steel, With a dandy magneto the shape of a wheel.

The transmission and bearings run in oil bath,

In an aluminum case as light as a lath; With two speeds forward and one reverse,

And the price just about fitting my purse.

He said: "Get in; see what it will do!"

We took a long ride and at times fairly flew.

Then slowing it down and still on high, I could have walked fast and passed it by.

I wouldn't go back to the poky old way,

With the old horse and four-wheel shay.

When you want to be right, do like me— Purchase a good car, a Ford Model T.

GEO. CHRISTILLES.

Lytle Letter.

By LENA RIVERS.

ED. ANVIL HERALD:

Misses Joe and Ruth Tate spent Wednesday in the Alamo City.

Miss Inah Lancaster is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Mann in San Antonio.

E. Fount Gates was a business caller in San Antonio Friday.

Mrs. M. S. Burson shopped in San Antonio Tuesday.

Mrs. J. W. Bridges attended the wedding of her nephew, Roy L. Gillette, to Miss Mina C. Brown in San Antonio Wednesday.

Mrs. Mabel Boatright of Bexar was the guest of her cousins, Misses Ruth and Ethel Bush and Alma Lora Pugh, the past week.

C. S. Bywaters and family came from Pearsall Saturday with a very sick child. They brought him to the Lytle doctors for medical aid.

Harwell A. Hobbs of Lordsburg, N. M., is here for an indefinite stay with his aged grand parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Harwell.

Rev. S. C. Bailey of San Antonio preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening.

J. W. Miller of San Antonio is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. T. B. Kaz, and family.

Born, Dec. 6, 1911, a little preacher to Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Denaho.

Ed. Young, who is attending Draughon's Business College, is home for a few days.

Mrs. L. O. Johnson spent Friday evening in the Alamo City.

I. N. Johnson transacted business in San Antonio Friday.

For that Dull Feeling After Eating.

I have used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for some time, and can testify that they have done me more good than any tablets I have ever used. My trouble was a heavy dull feeling after eating.—DAVID FREEMAN, Kempt, Nova Scotia. These tablets strengthen the stomach and improve the digestion. They also regulate the liver and bowels. They are far superior to pills but cost no more. For sale by all dealers.

Could Be Banked On.

In a Columbus avenue dry goods store where the family of the proprietor constitutes the working force the son took charge of the hosiery department in the absence of his sister. A pair of thin little stockings that he had shown a middle-aged customer gave her considerable concern.

"I do wonder if they are strong enough," she said.

"Oh, yes, ma'am," said the youth. "You can carry a pretty heavy pocket-book in these stockings and it won't break through."

"Best on Earth"

This is the verdict of R. J. Howell, Tracy, O., who bought Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for his wife. "Her case was the worst I have ever seen, and looked like a sure case of consumption. Her lungs were sore and she coughed almost incessantly and her voice was hoarse and weak. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound brought relief at once and less than three bottles effected a complete cure." Willmann & Martin.

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The best thing to do is to fit yourself to digest any good food.

We believe we can relieve Dyspepsia.

We are so confident of this fact that we guarantee and promise to supply the medicine free of all cost to every one who will use it, who is not perfectly satisfied with the results which it produces. We exact no promises, and put no one under any obligation whatever. Surely, nothing could be fairer.

We are located right here and our reputation should be sufficient assurance of the genuineness of our offer.

We want every one troubled with Indigestion or Dyspepsia in any form to come to our store and buy a box of Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets. Take them home and give them a reasonable trial, according to directions. Then, if not satisfied, come to us and get your money back. They are very pleasant to take; they aid to soothe the irritable stomach, to strengthen and invigorate the digestive organs, and to promote a healthy and natural bowel action, thus leading to perfect and healthy digestion and assimilation.

A 25c package of Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets furnishes 15 days' treatment. In ordinary cases, this is sufficient to produce a cure. In more chronic cases, a longer treatment, of course, is necessary, and depends upon the severity of the trouble. For such cases, we have two larger sizes which sell for 50c and \$1.00. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies in this community only at our store.—The Rexall Store, Willman & Martin.

One Disadvantage.

Speaking of the announcement by scientists that people may become energetic by eating raisins, the Chicago Record-Herald puts in the comment that the trouble is that most of the energy produced by eating raisins has to be expended in removing the seeds.

An Alarm at Night

That strikes terror to the entire household is the loud, hoarse and metallic cough of croup. No mistaking it, and fortunate then the lucky parents who keep Foley's Honey and Tar Compound on hand. W. H. Casselman, Canton, N. Y., says: "It is worth its weight in gold. Our little children are troubled with croup and hoarseness, and all we give them is Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. I always have a bottle of it in the house."

Supreme Quality.

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For coughs and colds use BAL-LARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It acts soothingly in the irritated lungs and throat. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by W. H. Windrow.

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Mr. B. W. L. Hall, of Waverly, Va., says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by all dealers.

That Held 'Em.

Tourist—So you've stopped motor car speeding? How did you do it? Heavy fines? Native—Nope. Every fellow who was pinched had to take the judge's old maid daughter out for a 5-hour ride.—Puck.

Why Take Calomel?

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How Words Pile Up.

There are now 400,000 words in the English dictionary, exclusive of foreign languages. Back three centuries Shakespeare carried about in his head five times as many words as the dictionary then contained; today it has a hundred words for every one which a good writer will use. The greatest gains in the number of words recorded within the last 50 years have, of course, come from a minute raking over of all accessible English documents and from special branches of human labor, particularly the sciences, in which changing conditions have made necessary hosts of new terms.

"I had been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me," writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by all dealers.

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When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

It soon fixes you up all right and will wipe off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold all dealers.

British Humor.

Fashions for the season—Zelus suits are to be very popular with the gilded youth. Well, well! The moral history says: "The external qualities of the zebra are those of a man."—London View.

When your feet are wet and cold and your body chilled through a thorough from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Bathe your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For Sale all dealers.

Land? land? See Hondo Land Co.

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Wm. Blocker was a San Antonio visitor Monday.

J. S. Monkhouse was a San Antonio visitor Monday.

Robert de Montel was here Tuesday from Castroville.

Mrs. Ross Hollaway and baby went to Dunlay Friday.

Geo. W. Jones made a business trip to San Antonio Wednesday.

Prof. G. W. Parish spent Sunday in San Antonio, returning Monday.

Discard that wornout rig and get a new turnout at E. R. Leinweber's.

The vehicle built for service—Henny Hacks and buggies. E. R. Leinweber.

Misses Fanye and Cecil Carle entertained at a pleasant social Thursday evening.

Make your wife happy with a Henny buggy for a Christmas present. E. R. Leinweber.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Monkhouse is reported seriously ill with fever.

Mrs. Seb. Deckert and daughter, Miss Justine, were pleasant callers at this office Thursday.

A \$75 piano in good condition will be sacrificed for \$100. Call at this office for particulars.

For Sale—A half block in the Moer Addition to Hondo for \$850.00 on easy terms. Hondo Land Co.

For sale, a second hand sewing machine, as good as new, for twelve dollars. Apply at this office.

The best materials and the most skilful of workmanship combine to make the Henny buggy the best on the market. E. R. Leinweber.

There were farmers from all over the county here Saturday to attend the meeting of the County Union. Important business was transacted.

If you know a deserving young man who wants to attend a business college tell him about our free scholarship offer published elsewhere in this paper.

Mrs. Bettie Meriwether left Tuesday morning for her home at Hondo after a month's visit to her son, Mr. Travis White of this city.—Alpine Avalanche.

LOST—A two-year old brown horse colt, white spot on nose and on forehead, branded LL-bar on left shoulder. Finder will please notify Algin Mummie, phone 19-2-2, and be rewarded.

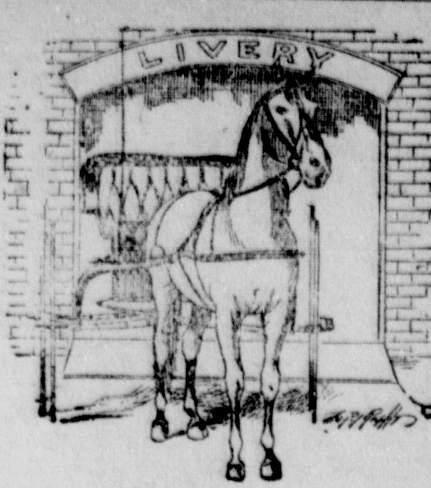
Mrs. M. A. Cooper came down from Del Rio the first of the week and after spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Hickman, left Thursday for South Carolina to spend Christmas with relatives in that city.

W. R. Routt and C. C. Powell left Thursday morning for Huntsville, Alabama, Mr. Powell's home. Mr. Powell had been here some time for his health but decided to return to Alabama. Mr. Routt went to accompany him on the journey.

To The Public—Having purchased the Brown-Henderson restaurant, I will continue to conduct the same at the old stand south of the depot. A nice, clean orderly eating place will be run, and short orders will be furnished at any hour at a reasonable price. Fish and oysters always on hand. Give me a call. F. W. Stich. tf.

We are requested by Joe Langfeld, Chairman, and representing the Farmers' Union, and F. J. Leinweber, Vice-Chairman, and representing the public generally, to announce that there will be a mass meeting of all citizens at the court house at 1 o'clock p. m. today to discuss the decrease in the acreage of cotton and to organize for the purpose of increasing the price of the staple. This is a part of the forward movement for that purpose recently inaugurated at the conference of Governors in New Orleans and which is being pushed all over the Southland. All who can should attend this meeting.

Hon. Paul Wipprecht, organizer of Farmers' Institutes for the State Agricultural Department, was here Saturday, as announced, for that purpose. Owing to a misunderstanding of some kind the crowd became divided, part going to the court house and part to the Farmers' Union Hall over the Frerichs saloon. At this latter place, Mr. Wipprecht spoke for about half an hour to a small crowd and gave way to the Farmers' Union meeting without organizing an Institute. Although the address was brief it was to the point. He urged the farmers to strengthen and perfect their organization and study every phase of their business. He advised them not alone to study how best to market their products but how to produce the maximum of crops on the minimum of land and how to interest the young people and make farm life attractive to them. After the address, Joe Langfeld made a few remarks commending the institute work and outlining his own efforts along similar lines. Mr. Wipprecht is doing a good service to the farmers in his work and it is to be regretted that he met with the handicap here that he did.



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There were three applicants for teachers license at the examination here last Friday and Saturday. Miss Ella Butts secured a second grade certificate and the papers of Miss Minnie Steinbaugh, applying for a permanent primary and Prof. J. G. Matthews, applying for a first grade, were sent to the department at Austin.

The Medina County Teachers Institute convenes here next Monday for a week's session. Teachers from all over the county will be in attendance, an interesting and instructive program has been arranged for them, and, in the name of our little city, the Anvil Herald bids them, one and all, hearty welcome and wishes for them a pleasant and profitable stay within its gates.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION
—OF THE—
HONDO STATE BANK

AT HONDO, STATE OF TEXAS,
AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE 5TH DAY OF DEC., 1911.

Published in the Hondo Anvil Herald, a newspaper printed and published at Hondo, State of Texas, on the 16th day of Dec., 1911.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	
personal or collateral	\$58,782.21
Loans, real estate,	20,958.80
Overdrafts	834.61
Real Estate (banking house)	6,164.70
Furniture and Fixtures	1,935.52
Due from Approved Reserve Agents	
net	\$30,844.45
Due from other Banks and Bankers,	
subject to check	6.52 30,850.97
Cash Items	824.12
Currency	10,934.00
Specie	6,706.75 18,464.87
Interest in Depositor's Guaranty Fund	\$1,061.12
Other resources as follows:	
Ass't for Guarantee Fund	243.63
TOTAL	\$139,296.43

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$30,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,700.00
Undivided Profits, net	5,599.35
Individual Deposits, subject to check	100,972.08
Other Liabilities as follows:	
Dividends unpaid	25.00
TOTAL	\$139,296.43

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Medina ss.

I, H. F. KING, Cashier of said bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. KING, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 14th day of Dec., A. D. nineteen hundred and eleven.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

J. G. NEWTON, Notary Public.

[SEAL]
CORRECT—ATTEST:
E. R. LEINWEBER, DIRECTORS.
I. H. KING,
D. H. FLY,

The Anvil Herald is in receipt of the following card:

Mr. and Mrs. B. Marks request the pleasure of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Sara to

Mr. Samuel Hirsch on Sunday, December twenty-fourth On thousand, nine hundred and eleven, at three o'clock Sabinal, Texas.

Notice.
Hunting or trespassing in any of my pastures is strictly forbidden under the penalty of the law.

Jacob Reinhart.

THE PIANO CONTEST.

Below we give the result of the fourth count of the votes in our piano contest. The count was made Thursday evening after the close of business and is as follows:

Emilie Leinweber, Hondo	18,405
Jessie Laughinghouse	16,275
Vera Jones, Hondo	14,935
Selma Mueller, D'Hanis	5940
Lena Marquis, Tarpley	4700
Della Oefinger, Dunlay	3550
Hulda Wurzbach, Riomedina	2040
Ida Tondre, Castroville	1780
Annie Schott	1150
Minnie Balzen, Dunlay	1080
Hulda Muennink, N. Fountain	870
Clara Lebold, Dunlay	810
Frieda Poerner, Devine	760
Dorothy Metzger, Hondo	760
Mabel Hollaway	760
Marie Filleman	750
Lela Hurt, Hondo	750
Mattie Brieden, Hondo	610
Cecilia Weynand	610
Lola Mask	610
Emma Nietenhoefer, Dunlay	610
Augusta Neumann, Hondo	610
Meta Bippert	610
Pauline Haraung, Hondo	600
Belle Hancock, Hondo	560
Frances Schmitt, Castroville	510
Olga Droitcourt	510
Pauline Vollmer	510
Alice Biediger	510
Pauline Mangold, Tarpley	510
Meda Boehme, Riomedina	500
Nora Rihn, Castroville	500
Regina Mangold, Lacoste	500
Annie Burgin, Yancey	500

Where To Get Tickets.
The following firms are giving tickets in the Anvil Herald's piano contest on the basis of 100 votes for each dollar cash purchase. Don't ask for tickets on time purchases.

C. J. BLESS,
General Merchandise
HONDO MERCANTILE CO.,
General Merchandise
HEYEN & CO.,
General Merchandise
W. H. WINDROW,
Druggist
C. R. GAINES,
Hardware
F. A. HEYEN,
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Be sure to ask for tickets when trading with these firms and bring them to this office and vote them for the young lady of your choice or give them to her.

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Cedar Growth Whiskey Blends Form-erly \$1 per bot-tle now **75c**
Royal Crown Whiskey

Zinfandel California Form-erly \$1.00 per gal. now... **75c**
SOUR WINE

Rodier Seedless Quart Bottles Formerly \$1, now... **75c**
CHERRIES

A few Cigars left at only **5c**
Two for

Fritz Frerichs
HONDO, TEXAS

Some of the friends of the young ladies in the piano contest have been clipping the nomination blank instead of the free coupon. The nomination blank only counts for one time. Save the Free Coupon.

Messrs. E. W. Lacy, I. H. King and D. H. Fly visited the damsite Wednesday, returning Thursday.

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Notice.
I request hunters and other trespassers to stay out of my pastures this winter. No exceptions can be made favor my friends and any one found trespassing or disturbing and scaring stock, will be prosecuted according law. 1-1-12. F. ROTHE

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